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The ArabSat general assembly meets in Sana'a to discuss the launching of the first Arab satellite into orbit early 1984 and commissioning of ground stations in Arab League member states. The project will greatly boost telecommunications in the Arab world.—Page 2

More F-15s for Israel

The United States is selling 11 more F-15 fighter planes to Israel along with spare parts and other accessories in spite of the fact that Israel had used U.S. planes and weapons to attack civilian targets in Lebanon and other areas.—Page 4

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Nolan Ryan pitched a four-hitter to win his first game of the season as Houston Astros inflicted a second defeat on St. Louis Cardinals who had a string of 12 successive wins.—Page 12

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West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt names four new ministers in his government, obviously hoping that the appointments will help arrest his Social Democratic Party's slide in recent local elections.—Page 16

Paper color a mistake

Due to the fact that Tuesday's issue of *Arab News* was extra large, its cover pages were inadvertently printed on white paper. This occurred because until we move to our larger headquarters, where we will have better printing capabilities, whenever *Arab News* exceeds 16 pages we have to produce it at an outside printer. When we have a large amount of advertising, *Arab News* balances it with news and increases the number of pages to 20 so our newspaper is more interesting to our readers. April 27 was the first time since we printed our cover pages on green paper that the newspaper had to be printed at the outside printer and on special green paper was not there. Therefore, the only choice was to go back to the white cover pages for one day. We regret any confusion which might have resulted and hope readers like the green cover pages.

U.S. assures allies

Strong Pacific role pledged

SINGAPORE, April 27 (Agencies) — U.S. Vice-President George Bush Tuesday gave a firm assurance that the United States would maintain a strong presence in the Pacific region.

"We both believe in the need for the United States to maintain a strong and steady influence in the Pacific region," he said. Bush, in Singapore on a three-day official visit as part of a regional tour, was speaking at a dinner after Singapore Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew called on the U.S. not to overlook its strategic interests in Southeast Asia.

The vice-president, the highest ranking Reagan administration official to visit the region, said the U.S. had no desire to dominate but "wants to be a good and faithful friend and a dependable ally." He said that Singapore and its partners in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) played a stabilizing role against the threat posed in the region by Soviet-backed Vietnam. Lee said President Reagan's resolve to restore American strength and influence had given heart to America's friends.

He said the Soviet Union, through Vietnam, and China were involved in a long-term struggle for influence in the region. "An adverse outcome of this struggle will have grave consequences for ASEAN and for Japan. And Japan's security is of key importance to the U.S.," Lee said.

He also urged the U.S. to become sympathetic in its economic policies to the ASEAN countries — Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand and Singapore. "America's will to maintain free trade despite all the pressures to qualify or modify the principle is important to all countries in the non-communist world," Lee said. "The non-Communist system cannot go through another bout of protectionist retaliations without irreparable damage."

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Saddam doubts intentions of Big 2

KUWAIT, April 27 (R) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, said in an interview published Tuesday he doubted whether the United States and the Soviet Union wanted the Iran-Iraq war to end.

"The Soviet Union and the United States declare they desire the war to stop, but declarations are one thing and intentions another. Do you really wish the war to end? I cannot give a definite answer," President Hussein told a group of Kuwaiti newspaper editors in Baghdad.

He said Washington and Moscow could have influenced the outcome of the war had they wanted the 19-month-old conflict to end. In the interview, published in several Kuwaiti newspapers, Hussein said that Iraq was now buying weapons from Egypt directly instead of through third parties.

Syria's decision this month to shut pipelines carrying Iraqi crude oil across its territory to the Mediterranean coast was like sending 10 divisions to Iran, he added.

Kirkpatrick attacks U.N. bloc politics

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27 (R) — Jeane Kirkpatrick, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said that the U.N. General Assembly and Security Council regularly failed to deal with threats to world peace.

Summing up her 16 months as the chief U.S. delegate to the United Nations, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, said that her reaction had been surprise and even shock. "I have been surprised by the U.N. General Assembly and Security Council regularly fail to deal with crises and problems threatening world peace," she said citing as examples the Iran-Iraq war and Libya's intervention in Chad.

"I have been surprised by the problems of bloc politics in the United Nations," she told the annual conference of the American Newspaper Publishers Association here Monday. The United States had often found itself in disagreement with blocs on questions concerning Israel and South Africa.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick said the nonaligned nations formed the biggest bloc and the six votes they held in the Security Council gave them a chance to affect the power of veto. Blocs control the agenda and finally the decisions, she said.

Saying she painted a picture of the United Nations with a broad brush, she continued: "I had not understood the other side almost always wins and we almost always lose."



SHOUTED SUPPORT: More than 50,000, most of whom were claimed to support Argentina, gathered Monday in the broad Plaza del Mayo in front of the government house in Buenos Aires. Some of the crowd protested against the country's military government.

Begin plans law to halt settlements' dismantling

TEL AVIV, April 27 (Agencies) — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin said Tuesday he hoped to make it illegal for any more Jewish settlements in occupied Arab lands to be dismantled.

Interviewed on army radio, Begin said the dismantling of Israeli settlements in northern Sinai last week, before the territory was returned to Egypt, was an exceptional case which would not recur. He said he had drafted a resolution on the issue for next Sunday's cabinet meeting.

If approved by the cabinet, the resolution would go to the Knesset Monday for debate and approval. "This government does not really need such a resolution since it will not dismantle settlements in the occupied West Bank, the Gaza Strip and Golani Heights," Begin said. "But we want to give the settlers in the occupied land a feeling of security," he added.

The settlements are a major stumbling block in Egyptian-Israeli negotiations on Palestinian autonomy. These negotiations, deadlocked for three years, are to resume shortly, and Israeli newspapers said the next session would be held in Washington in May.

Begin disclosed that he had threatened to delay Israel's withdrawal from Sinai for at least a month unless Egypt rectified alleged violations of the peace treaty. He said the violations had caused "a grave crisis," and he had told the United States and Egypt that unless they were corrected, "we will consider postponing the withdrawal for at least a month, until May 25, 1400 GMT."

Begin said Israel would not remain idle if the Egyptians violated any of the terms of the 1979 peace treaty with the Zionist state. "We have many means of reacting to violations," he said.

Begin also announced that the opposition Labor Party had accepted the principle of forming a government of national union made up of eight opposition cabinet ministers and eight ministers from his Likud Party. He said he was ready to appoint a defense minister from opposition ranks. Ariel Sharon now holds the post.

Earlier Monday, Egypt and Israel signed an agreement on procedures to settle a disagreement over the demarcation points at Taba in Sinai. An Egyptian Foreign Ministry spokesman said the agreement provided that units of the institutional peacekeeping forces be deployed at the disputed area while Israel withdrew behind the lines indicated by Egypt. Israel should not carry out any building in the region until a final solution was reached, the spokesman added. The two countries will hold talks with U.S. participation to settle the dispute.

U.S. Assistant Deputy Secretary of State Walter Stoessel left Cairo for Washington Tuesday after signing the agreement on behalf of the U.S. Stoessel was sent to the Middle East by President Ronald Reagan to help Egypt and Israel settle a dispute which had threatened to delay the two countries' final evacuation.

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Cabinet panel to probe tragedy

Trigger-happy Korea cop runs amok, kills 55

SEOUL, April 27 (Agencies) — A policeman killed at least 55 persons after quarreling with a woman friend and then ended his eight-hour rampage by blowing himself to pieces with hand grenades, authorities said Tuesday.

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Meanwhile, Egypt, once an outcast in the Arab world for signing the Camp David accord, has been invited by its critics to resume a leading position in the region. The invitation came in congratulatory messages to President Hosni Mubarak from King Hussein of Jordan and King Hassan of Morocco on the occasion of Egypt's recovery of Sinai Sunday.

If you don't make a proper response to the secretary general's appeal, you will inflict a grievous blow to our country's cause," Foot said. Mrs. Thatcher snapped back amid angry shouts from Laborites: "I totally disagree. If we were to refuse to take any further military action whatsoever, we would put many of our soldiers and sailors in jeopardy," Pym would "not achieve anything" by going to New York, she said.

The exchange marked the first major break in a hitherto united front in the Commons over London's response to Argentina's April 2 invasion of the colony ruled by Britain since 1833.

In Buenos Aires, Argentina's ruling military junta claimed early Tuesday its forces continued to resist British troops on South Georgia Island, while naval sources quoted as saying Argentine commandos shot down a British helicopter and Mrs. Thatcher was lying about British casualties for political reasons.

Earlier, Pennsylvanians and leftists criticized the 6-year-old military government and condemned the United States, all the while cursing Britain, during a patriotic rally that demonstrated cracks in the monolithic national front Argentina has so far presented in the Falkland Islands crisis.

The rally Monday, sponsored by Peronist labor confederations, drew between 7,000 and 10,000 people to the Plaza de Mayo. It was the third mass gathering there since Argentina forces captured the Falklands from Britain April 2.

Meanwhile, Argentina resumed efforts to win Latin American condemnation of Britain's role in the Falklands crisis, and his ambassador to Washington appeared to rule out negotiations for political reasons.

He came as no great surprise: On April 11 the party newspaper *Pravda* had accused British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of "gunboat diplomacy" in a bid to "cover up her government's serious failures."

King arrives in Dammam

DAMMAM, April 27 (SPA) — King Khalid arrived here Tuesday on a visit to the Eastern Province during which he will inspect the conditions of the region. The King was accompanied by Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard; and Prince Sultan, defense and aviation minister.

He was received by Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jilwi and senior military officers and civil officials.

EEC urged to end budget row

LUXEMBOURG, April 27 (R) — West Germany Tuesday urged its European Economic Community (EEC) partners to end a longstanding argument about money and unlock annual price increases for the community's eight million farmers.

At a meeting of EEC foreign ministers here, West Germany's Hans-Dietrich Genscher pressed his colleagues to reach a speedy settlement on Britain's demands for refunds on its community membership bill. "The community has other priorities," officials quoted the West German minister as saying. "We must drop the link that Britain has extorted."

Oil price rise expected by fall

DETROIT, April 27 (AP) — Economic expansion will begin to erode the current worldwide glut of crude oil by fall and start pushing gasoline prices upward once again, according to the chairman of Exxon Corp.

"Some of what is going on today can be expected to run its course before too long," Clinton C. Garvin Jr. told the Economic Club of Detroit on Monday. "The recession will last forever, and neither will the current overhang of oil inventories. Their disappearance will, directionally at least, support a stronger market," he said.

At a news conference before the speech, Garvin said he did not know how much gasoline prices might rise. "In the past several months the international oil industry has experienced the sharpest decline in spot prices since World War II, a decline that has been only modestly reversed by the firming that has taken place since the Vienna OPEC conference," he said.

The benchmark price for OPEC oil is \$34 a barrel, but some producers have been selling oil for less as the market continues.

Referring to Exxon Corp.'s financial position, Garvin said that its first-quarter profit fell 25 percent from a year earlier, reflecting a worldwide oil glut that has depressed prices and sales.

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Arabsat to be launched early 1984

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Project will reinforce Arab unity, officials say

SANA, April 27 — The first Arab satellite will be launched through the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) by the beginning of 1984 and the second in June of the same year, according to Yemeni Communications and Transport Minister Ahmad Al-Anisi Tuesday.

"The second will be launched through the Space Shuttle," he said at the opening session of the Arabsat, Arab Satellite Communications Organization, general assembly meeting here. The current meeting, representing the fifth session for Arabsat general assembly, was opened by North Yemeni Prime Minister Dr. Abdul Karim Al-Iryani. He stressed the project's importance toward the lives and future of the Arab nation by consolidating joint work.

Saudi Arabian Posts, Telegraph and Telephones Minister Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal addressed the meeting as the chairman of the previous assembly session. He said the project's actual implementation shows that the Arab nation can unite, and keep away from the frictions generated by the international powers of the West and East.

However important, the project is not the end of the path, Kayyal said. More important is the favorable opportunity of making use of

the technology, stemming from such a facility.

Referring to the obstacles placed by advanced countries on the transfer of technology to Arab countries, Kayyal condemned the tactics of "intimidation and embezzlement used by the countries of the East and West".

"Such methods will not frighten or demoralize Arab countries any more," Kayyal said. The Saudi Arabian minister said two contracts have already been signed for manufacturing the Arab satellite and the rocket which will carry it into orbit. "That was the most difficult stage," he pointed out.

The \$79 million sale of the U.S. Ford Aerospace and Communications Corporation's parts for the Arabsat ran into initial opposition on Capitol Hill late last fall. Some Senate leaders were upset that the Reagan administration had failed to notify Congress of its intentions to approve the package. Lawmakers were also disturbed over the potential military use of the satellite components, although the system is strictly for commercial purposes. The administration was able to sway opposition at the Congress, and the sale

was completed in February, 1982.

Dr. Ali Al-Mashatt, Arabsat director general, said after the opening session the project is a bridge toward Arab unity by linking Arab countries. The organization has consulted with all Arab countries on their needs for telephone and television circuits which can be provided by the Arab space network.

The organization's project comprises two satellites in orbit with a third stored on the ground as a spare should either of the two malfunction while in space, or as a result of launch. One orbiting satellite will carry all Arabsat transmissions while the other serves as a back up should the primary satellite shut down or exceed its capacity.

A central ground control station near Riyadh will handle the primary tracking, telemetry and control operation of the satellites. Other earth stations, spread throughout the region, will transmit, receive and relay signals. Each individual country will be responsible for operating the earth stations within its borders, using the network under guidelines established by the consortium.

European, American and one Saudi firms are bidding to construct the ground station for the Arabsat network. The current general assembly session will decide on this subject.

Sultan returns from Eastern Province tour

Riyadh, April 27 (SPA) — Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan returned here from Dhahran Monday. He was welcomed at the airport by Othman Al-Humaid, assistant to the minister for military affairs; Gen. Muhammad Saleh Al-Hamad, chief of general staff; and several armed forces officers.

Prince Sultan attended a function at the Technical Training Institute at King Abdul Aziz Air Base, where the 30th and 31st groups of cadets obtained their graduation certificates. The graduates numbered 95, including one from Bahrain. All were given the rank of assistant technical sergeant.

The prince was welcomed at the place of function by Prince Abdul Majeed ibn Jilwi, governor of the Eastern Province; Gen. Muhammad Sabri, air force commander; and Brig. Abdul Aziz Al-Henaidi, head of the institute.

The function was ended with an aerial demonstration by a group of Saudi pilots in two squadrons of F-5 and F-15 fighter aircraft. Prince Sultan said at the close of the function that he was happy to see the two groups graduating from the institute.

Turkish mission explores market

By Saeed Shah
Arabnews Staff

JEDDAH, April 27 — A 14-member market research mission of Istanbul Chamber of Commerce arrived Jeddah Monday evening on a five-day visit to the Kingdom. It will leave May 1 for Abha and Dabal.

Mission leader Zeki Kafan, an executive committee member of the Istanbul chamber of commerce, told *Arab News* Tuesday that the mission is here to study the market's potential for Turkish products and determine areas of cooperation between the two countries.

Earlier during the day the group visited two industrial plants in the Jeddah industrial city and held talks with Dr. B. Al-Hibshi, industry city director. The Turks were impressed by the modern machinery and full utilization of capacity in the carpet factory and invited

Saudis for cooperation in the field. Turkey can offer expertise, mechanical know-how and raw material, Kafan said.

The mission had met with members of the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Discussions were confined to cooperation opportunities between the two chambers in general and tourism and shipping in particular.

UNICEF exhibition

JEDDAH, April 27 — A UNICEF photo and indigenous toys exhibition opens here Wednesday under Prince Majid, Makkah governor. The children's exhibition, held at the TAG Art Gallery, near Hyatt Regency hotel, groups 20 hotel countries including the Kingdom. It will last four days.

Notice for Pakistanis

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Kingdom urges U.N. to suspend Israel

UNITED NATIONS, April 27 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia has called for suspending Israel from the United Nations and military and economic measures against the Jewish state to prevent it from undermining world peace.

Addressing an emergency session of the U.N. General Assembly on Palestine Tuesday, Saudi Arabia's representative Gafar Al-Lagany also criticized America's use of the right of veto to block a Security Council resolution censuring Israel for the shooting outrage earlier this month at Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem.

Attacking Israeli practices in occupied Arab territories, the Saudi delegate said: "The road followed by Israel was the surest way to an uncontrollable war that would drive the region to the precipice." He urged the United Nations and all states, particularly those friendly to Israel, to "see the danger which hangs over the world."

"The rulers of Israel have lost their minds

GCC ministers to meet in Muscat

RIYADH, April 27 (SPA) — Saudi Arabian Communications Minister Sheikh Hussein Mansouri will leave Friday for Muscat to attend a conference of communications ministers of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

The two-day session will review and endorse recommendations made by a ministerial committee of GCC states at its meeting in Riyadh last month on Gulf cooperation and coordination in land, marine, air and railway transportation.

The meeting also will discuss suggestions on standardizing specifications and combatting pollution.

Gulf intellectuals to hold seminar

MUSCAT, April 27 (SPA) — The second intellectual seminar of the heads of Gulf universities will be held at King Abdul Aziz University in Jeddah; it was resolved by the higher education council of the Arab Gulf Education Bureau at its concluding session here Monday.

The council recommended the use of university books and the holding of a socio-education seminar to tackle the problem of students getting disenchanted from joining colleges of education. It also approved a document on the rights and obligations of teaching staff, with certain modifications, and recommended that higher education projects in the region continue to be implemented.

In another educational development, Dr. Abdullah Al-Zaid, educational director general of the Kingdom's Western Region, chaired a meeting of the students' guidance council in Jeddah Tuesday. The discussion was centered on the parents and teachers council and the ways of developing it further.

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and their human sensibilities. The only driving force leading the Israelis is their blind fanaticism and their belief that they are above all international laws. "They are encouraged by the unreserved support given to them by their friends," he said. The fear of an imminent explosion in the Middle East derived from long experience and long record of Israeli conduct, planning and political opportunism, he added.

Lagany attacked Israel's "disdain for the Arabs and its blind prejudice against them." "That was the racism which drove the Israelis to indulge in and to justify those wild practices," he said.

"But Zionists and the leaders of Israel overlooked a plain reality, that the Palestinians were more determined than ever in their struggle for self-determination," he declared.

The Saudi representative said the "unlimited support given to Israel by certain countries, and the incapacity of the Security Council by reason of the U.S. veto were the greatest factors attributing to the peculiar current situation."

Yamani begins Pakistan visit

ISLAMABAD, April 27 (SPA) — Saudi Arabian Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani arrived here Tuesday on a four-day official visit to Pakistan. He will hold talks with Pakistan Information Minister Dr. Raja Zafar-Ul-Haq on information cooperation.

He also will meet President Zia-Ul-Haq and Foreign Minister Gen. Sahibzada Yaqub Khan.

Meanwhile, Yamani returned home Monday night from Doha concluding a brief visit to Qatar. Before leaving Doha, Yamani told reporters he had discussed with Qatari Education Minister Sheikh Muhammad ibn Ahmad Al-Thani the proposed projects of an open Gulf university and a media arts academy.

Yamani stressed the importance of the two ventures and their fruitful impact on educational and informational renaissance in the Gulf.

Chamber, public view assistance for Palestinians

DAMMAM, April 27 (SPA) — On the directives of King Khaled, a meeting was held at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry here Monday to discuss assistance to the Palestinian freedom-fighters.

The meeting, attended by the local businessmen, traders and Palestinian residents, was addressed by Sheikh Saad Al-Mujil, the chamber's chairman. He said the purpose of the meeting was to extend assistance to the Palestinians fighting the Israeli authorities steadfastly in the occupied land.

It was followed by the director of the popular committee for assistance to Palestine freedom-fighters, who commended the Kingdom's role in helping the Palestinians throughout the period of their ordeal.

Opening the donation, Muajil conveyed the greetings of Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan and his contribution of SR2 million, which was followed by a wave of liberal donations from the audience.

Yamani and the Qatari education minister reviewed means to integrate the activities of various educational and information bodies in the Gulf states to serve the region's educational and information goals.

Yamani also was received by Qatar's Ruler Sheikh Khalifa ibn Hamad Al-Thani for a review of bilateral relations and ways of improving them. The meeting was attended by Qatar's Crown Prince Sheikh Hamad ibn Khalifa Al-Thani.

MAKKAH, April 27 (SPA) — Traffic Director of Makkah Lt. Col. Shahat Mufti Tuesday said he hoped the country-wide traffic week, beginning May 8, would be successful reflecting its benefits on both the citizens and vehicle owners.

He said the traffic department does not intend to confine its activity to arresting traffic violators but wishes to keep the citizens out of danger and create in them a consciousness of their national responsibility.

Success hoped for traffic week

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 27 — The Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs resumed its ninth session here Tuesday. After the inaugural speech, Monday, by Habib Chatti, secretary general of the organization of the Islamic conference, Saudi Arabia took over the chairmanship from Libya. The eighth session was held in Tripoli last January.

OIC officials said this year's foreign ministers' conference which was due to open in Niamey, Niger, May 26 was put off till Aug. 20.

The four-day session, at the Meridien Hotel, will review the work done by the OIC general secretariat to implement various resolutions and recommendations on economic, cultural and social affairs adopted at summit, foreign ministers' and at the committees' levels. Its purpose is to finalize matters before the annual conference.

High on the agenda is a traditional review of the world economic situation with special

emphasis on Third World countries, and more particularly Islamic countries. The commission also will review progress in the implementation of a resolution on promotion and expansion of trade among OIC members. In addition, the commission will review reports on several meetings on industrial cooperation, ministerial consultations on industrial cooperation held in Islamabad recently, the third general assembly of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Commodity Exchange, the fifth meeting of governors of central banks and monetary authorities of OIC member states, an experts' meeting on cooperation in the field of insurance and reinsurance, an expert group's meeting on cooperation in civil aviation and another expert group's meeting on cooperation in telecommunications.

Other issues being discussed include expanding Islamic Development Bank's activities and increasing its paid-up capital. Activities of the International Association of Islamic Banks, problems of land-locked Islamic states and establishment of the Islamic Center for the Development of Trade in Casablanca and the Islamic States Ship Owners Association in Jeddah will be debated.

The commission also will examine a status report on the signing, ratification and implementation of an agreement on promotion, protection and guarantee of investments among member states and another general agreement for economic, technical and commercial cooperation.

Islamic commission debates economic, cultural resolutions



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U.S. to sell eleven more F-15s to Israel

WASHINGTON, April 27 (AP) — The United States plans to sell Israel an additional 11 F-15 fighter planes in line with U.S. policy "of ensuring that Israel has the means to defend itself within secure borders," the Defense Department notified Congress Monday.

The new sale costing about \$510 million will raise Israel's fleet of the twin-engine, sophisticated F-15 fighters to a total of 51.

Announcement of the sale of the additional F-15s to Israel came a day after the Israelis completed withdrawal from the Sinai. "The sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region," the Pentagon told Congress in the U.S. teams hold talks in Fez, Ankara

RABAT, April 27 (Agencies) — Two high-level military delegations are holding talks — one in the Moroccan city of Fez and the other in the Turkish city of Ankara — on military cooperation.

The joint U.S.-Moroccan Military Committee began talks Monday on U.S. military

Belgian minister to visit Mideast

BRUSSELS, April 27 (R) — Belgian Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans will visit Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Egypt later this week on a European Economic Community (EEC) fact-finding mission, well-informed sources said Tuesday.

Tindemans, current president of the EEC council of ministers, leaves for Kuwait Thursday.

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'Beaten, abused' Israelis fail to produce Abu Eian in trial court

TEL AVIV, April 27 (AP) — The trial of Ziad Abu Eian, a West Bank Palestinian extradited from Chicago for an alleged 1979 bombing that killed two Israeli teenagers was postponed Tuesday after police failed to bring the defendant to the courtroom.

Abu Eian, 23, was to have appeared in the Tel Aviv district court during the prosecution and defense summations. But when police said they were unable to bring Eian to court because of transport difficulties, Judge Abraham Chaitina angrily stopped the proceedings.

Abu Eian had told the court Monday that he was innocent. His lean figure slumped casually over the witness stand. Abu Eian

said that ever since he was brought to Israel in December, he was "beaten and abused, physically and spiritually." Abu Eian was extradited to Israel from the United States after he lost a U.S. Supreme Court battle to block his return. He had argued that he would not receive a fair trial in Israel and that the bombing was a non-extraditable political act.

Abu Eian insists he was in his family's store in the West Bank town of Ramallah on the day a bomb exploded in the marketplace in Tiberias, 180 km away. The trial was to resume May 10.

Americans in a notice published in the Israeli daily *Haaretz*, called on Israel to release Abu Eian.

Morocco declares support for Iraq

KUWAIT, April 27 (AP) — Morocco's prime minister said Monday that his country supports Iraq in its war with Iran and considers "as an ally to Israel" any Arab state which helps the Iranians against Iraq.

Ali Moti Bou Obeid told a press conference here that Moroccan King Hassan "has sent an envoy to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to inform him that Morocco places all its potentials at the disposal of Iraq and at the time it wants." He refused to answer a question on

whether Moroccan troops have been sent to fight alongside the Iraqis in their 19-month-old Gulf war. "Contacts are continuing between the two countries, and there are secrets which should not be divulged."

The Moroccan prime minister, who arrived here Saturday at the start of a Gulf tour, said that his government holds Algeria responsible for current tensions emanating from Algeria's support of the Polisario Front.

BRIEFS

WASHINGTON, (R) — The Reagan administration will probably reject a request from visiting Tunisian Prime Minister Muammar Mzali for continued economic aid because of U.S. budgetary strains, according to a State Department official.

LONDON, (R) — Iranian revolutionary guards backed by aircraft killed 20 Kurdish guerrillas in a fresh attack on the western town of Divandareh Monday. Iran's national news agency Ima reported.

BONN, (R) — Iran has accused West German police of savagery after bloody clashes between supporters and opponents of Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini in the city of Mainz last weekend. Some West German parliamentarians have suggested that the Iranian embassy organized the attacks on anti-Khomeini dissidents which sparked the fighting, but the Bonn Foreign Ministry rejected the charges.

NICOSIA, (AP) — George Ioannides, the Greek Cypriot representative to the Cyprus intercommunal peace talks, revealed Tuesday he resigned because of lack of confidence in his State Department official.

RABAT, (AFP) — Some prisoners in Morocco sent the justice minister an open letter Monday saying they were on hunger strike until May 4 in a bid to win release. They said they had been prosecuted for their political convictions and that their continued detention was illegitimate.

ISLAMABAD, (R) — Police baton charged a gathering Tuesday of about 100 Afghan refugees who planned to march on the Soviet Embassy, eyewitnesses reported. The refugees, including about 15 who intended to demonstrate outside the embassy to protest against the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, Tuesday is the fourth anniversary of the invasion.

Beirut religious leader killed; U.N. official hurt

BEIRUT, April 27 (Agencies) — Tension reigned in Beirut following the assassination of a prominent religious leader by three unidentified gunmen and another shooting incident in which a French United Nations official was injured.

Sheikh Ahmad Aissa, 45, head of the Muslim associations in Lebanon, was riddled by machinegun fire as he emerged from a mosque in densely-populated Aisha Bakkar neighborhood Monday night.

The medical examiner said in a statement three bullets tore into Aissa's head and 12 other parts of his body were hit. Death was instantaneous, according to the examiner. A police spokesman said it was not known who was behind the assassination. Aissa was an outspoken critic of nationalist militia groups in west Beirut and had publicly demanded that they be brought under the control of the

state's legitimate law enforcement agencies. In the other shooting incident, a United Nations officer was shot and seriously wounded on a street in west Beirut when four armed men apparently tried to steal the car he was driving, a U.N. spokesman said Tuesday.

The spokesman refused to identify the officer saying the man's family had not been informed. Spokesman Samir Sanbar said the officer was a major in the U.N. observer group that has been monitoring Lebanon's southern areas.

At the United Nations, four countries have agreed to send more troops to the U.N. peacekeeping force in Lebanon. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said Monday. They were Ghana, Ireland, Nepal and Norway. He said France had agreed in principle to a request for an additional 600-man battalion.

Yaqub Khan ends Peking visit

China pledges to back Pakistan

KARACHI, (R) — Pakistani Foreign Minister Sabirzada Yaqub Khan returned Tuesday from a visit to Communist China and said he had received Peking's pledge of "total and unfailing" support for Pakistan.

He said his decision to visit China on his first trip abroad since becoming foreign minister two months ago indicated the priority that Pakistan attached to its relations with Peking. He told reporters that the views of Pakistan and China on international and bilateral topics, including a demand for the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan, were identical in all matters. "China reiterated its total and unfailing support for Pakistan," Yaqub Khan said.

Pakistani President Muhammad Zia-Ul-Haq has said that China's long-standing support for Pakistan is the cornerstone of Islamabad's foreign policy and a key balancing factor in Pakistan's sometimes uneasy

relationships with the Soviet Union and India. Yaqub Khan said President Zia would visit Peking in the second half of this year and Chinese Vice-Premier Huang Hua would visit Islamabad before the end of this year.

Egypt releases 353 detainees

CAIRO, April 27 (R) — A batch of 353 Egyptian political and religious detainees were released Tuesday the official Middle East News Agency reported. Interim Minister Hassan Abu Bashir, in a statement issued by the agency, said those freed did not constitute any security risk.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has repeatedly said those who proved not to have committed any offence bailable to the country's security should be released.

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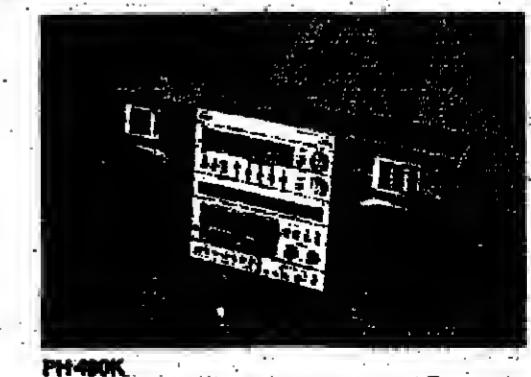
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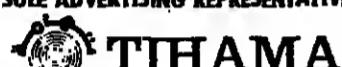
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ISRAEL'S JUNGLE LOGIC

Israeli Premier Menahem Begin has declared that he will soon submit a proposal to his parliament making it illegal for Israel to withdraw from any occupied territories after the recent withdrawal from Sinai. There is little doubt that the proposal will become law as most Zionist MPs are known to be in favor of perpetuating the occupation and annexation of the Arab lands under their control.

How can it be illegal to withdraw from illegally occupied lands is only understandable in terms of the jungle logic that the Israelis have developed with regard to the Middle East since their shipment from Europe to Palestine. It is the logic of the arrogance of power which has been brought about by unrelenting American support and merciless Arab weakness and differences that have wrought havoc on Arab ranks.

The latest American gift of 11 F-15 warplanes, the most lethal in the region, is an indication that whatever tiffs the U.S. may have with Israel, it will continue to give it the wherewithal to run amok anywhere in the Middle East. Similar planes bombed the Iraqi nuclear reactor in Baghdad last year which was condemned by the U.S. Identical planes bombed Beirut and other Lebanese areas many times over and deterred any counteraction by Syria when the Golan Heights were formally annexed by Israel later on.

Begin has never concealed his intention to wholly annex the West Bank and incorporate it into the other parts of Palestine which the Zionists had already settled in. Already illegal Israeli settlements account for more than one third of the Arab lands there and more are being built in a hurry to placate those who were against withdrawing from Sinai. From now on it will be an illegal act to withdraw from them or from anywhere else in the Arab world occupied by Israelis or their henchmen like the renegade Saad Haddad in South Lebanon which Israel effectively controls.

This is the declared policy of Israel whether Begin is in power or out of it. And it will come as no great surprise when the West Bank and Gaza are formally annexed. Annexation and colonialization are already creeping processes for which the Arabs at present have, unfortunately, no way of halting.

Saudi Arabian press review

Tuesday's newspapers expressed confidence that King Khaled's inspection tour of the Eastern Province and Interior Minister Prince Naif's visit to the Najran region would greatly help in coordinating the resources and potentials of Saudi citizens in continuing the Kingdom's march toward a bright future.

Al-Jazirah said King Khaled's tour was basically planned to inspect the living conditions of citizens and review the progress of work on development projects in the country.

It added that the inspection tours conducted by Saudi Arabian leaders were part of the "genuine Saudi tradition and the government's practical policy to strengthen relations between leaders and citizens on the basis of understanding and confidence."

Dealing with Prince Naif's visit

to Najran, *Okaz* said it reflected the government's desire to study the problems of citizens and to maintain constant check on the progress of projects being implemented.

The paper referred to Prince Naif's statement made Monday night in which he highlighted the government's concern to develop on an equal priority basis both the cities and villages of the Kingdom.

Al-Riyadh said Naif's visit demonstrated the government's commitment to build a modern economy by utilizing all human and material resources, "even in the remotest areas of the country for the benefit of all citizens".

Al-Bilad said the government's concern to provide all essential services in rural and urban areas reflected the existing effective cooperation between the citizens and leaders. (SPA)



Argentine subs worry U.K. officers

By Patrick Bishop

ON BOARD SS CANTERBURY —

The military and naval commanders of the British assault force at sea in the South Atlantic have drawn up a list of tactical options for re-taking the Falkland Islands. They range from a low-key unopposed landing to a full-scale assault against defended Argentine positions.

The decision on which option is chosen will not be made by the military but at the highest government level: Brig. Julian Thompson, the leader of the military forces, and Comonduke Michael Clapp of the Royal Navy are planning the action aboard the assault ship *Fearless*, which 18 years ago was the scene of talks between Harold Wilson and Ian Smith over the future of Rhodesia.

Today the room where they met is covered with operational maps discreetly veiled from the gaze of journalists.

Senior officers are keen to dispel any misconceptions about Argentine fighting strength. They point out that the two modern destroyers Argentina bought from Britain are better equipped than those in the British task force because they carry Exocet ship-to-ship missiles. The Argentine submarines, considered a negligible threat by some, are regarded as potent and difficult to spot by the assault force commanders.

The assault force's calculations are probably being matched against plans being drawn up back at the Fleet's headquarters at Northwood, near London. A planning cell there has been producing its own tactical suggestions.

After two weeks at sea, morale remains high among the assault force troops. Unlike many of their predecessors in Britain's other post-colonial military encounters, the troops are here because they want to be.

Conscription ended 21 years ago in Britain but is still no shortage of recruits for the armed forces. The elite units of Marines and commandos aboard the *Cantabria*, the main assault force flagship, attract the most applicants. Unemployment has played a large part in making the armed services an attractive hut for many the lure is the chance of glamour and adventure.

Barry Stottton, 22, joined the Parachute Regiment after first trying the French Foreign Legion. Before that he had served a four-year apprenticeship as a mechanical engineer. Echoing the old army recruiting poster, he says he "joined up to see the world... I couldn't stand being stuck inside all day."

Barry has signed on for 14 years if he shows "qualities of leadership" he can hope to become a sergeant or corporal in charge of up to 30 men.

If his service is exceptional, he might leap the yawning chasm that separates commissioned officers from the other ranks.

At present 15 to 20 percent of Marine officers come from the ranks, as opposed to direct commission from military college. Promotion requires social as well as military qualities.

"They must show themselves capable of behaving properly in any environment," says Lt. Tony Miklinski, education officer of One Commando Unit.

"Officers drawn from the ranks have to do a knives and forks course. If they can't perform accordingly they won't be accepted. They must be capable of speaking intelligible English and know what is acceptable."

Most of the men will never make it to the officers' mess. Barry Stottton has already blown his chances because almost every square inch of his body is covered in tattoos.

The "Toms", as the Para officers call them, are not worried by the divide. Strict discipline and a rigid hierarchy are part of the macho that attracted them to the forces.

The Toms underline their toughness with a special style and argot, much of it borrowed from the Vietnam war. Their favorite film is *The Deerhunter*.

Many have their hair cropped to the skull and go in for faded jungle-green denims and torn sweatshirts. This style is considered "ally," a word whose derivation is unknown. The Falklands expedition is the most "ally" thing to have happened to the British military for a long time. — (ONS)

Falklands dispute stirs Argentine patriotism

By Bruce Handler

COMODORO RIVADAVIA, Argentina — Argentina's invasion of the Falkland Islands has brought an outpouring of patriotic sentiment in this country, where citizens have been taught since childhood that the South Atlantic Islands are theirs. Sentiment runs particularly strong in this city, a jumping-off point for Argentine reinforcements heading to the islands, known in Argentina as the Malvinas.

Over the weekend, Comodoro Rivadavia townspeople celebrated the invasion at a "sovereignty festival" with singing, flag-waving and cheering. "We will march with our ponchos and guitars to the Malvinas, which is where our country begins," declared Ramon Heredia, master of ceremonies at the festival Saturday night in the city's municipal gymnasium.

The audience of about 1,000 men, women and children — plus about 150 young army draftees who were about to be sent from here to the Falklands, stood and shouted. "Ar-gen-ti-na, Ar-gen-ti-na."

Rogelio Delgado, a folksinger from the southern

province of Rio Negro, wearing a black gaucho, or Argentine cowboy, outfit, sang an original song about the Malvinas takeover called "Memory of April 2." It was a huge success.

The price of a ticket to the festival which was sponsored by a local newspaper, by the Comodoro Rivadavia Chamber of Commerce and the Local Folklore Society, was any item that would be useful to the 10,000 Argentine troops now stationed on the Falklands.

People brought powdered milk, cookies, a popular Argentine tea called Yerba Mate and even soccer balls and placed them in cardboard boxes. "We brought food, Argentines, we must do what we can to support our boys on the Malvinas," said Nelly Gonzalez, a local housewife.

Mrs. Gonzalez Sapfisher knows that if there is a war with Britain, Comodoro Rivadavia, a modern oil and ranching city of 120,000 that is also a military operations center, could become directly involved.

"We are prepared," she said. "We have meetings in our neighborhood and talk 'bout what we would do in case of an attack. We've put together an emergency first aid kit in our home."

Next battles could be decisive for Gulf war

By Paul Eedle

KHANAQIN, Iraq —

In a brick-built hut on a hilltop inside Iran, a plastic vase of daisies decorates an Iraqi colonel's table and a large television set dominates the small room. From this and other comfortingly entrenched positions along the ridge, Iraqi troops command a breathtaking view across a fertile valley to a small Iranian town and a line of jagged black and brown mountains.

At first nothing disturbs the pastoral calm. But then as visiting reporters file into a concrete observation post overlooking the valley, Iraqi gunners fire a lone shell which explodes almost unheard in the middle distance, kicking up a puff of grey smoke.

The near silence on this battlefield now basking in spring sunshine hides the fact that after a series of Iranian military successes, Iraq is urgently seeking an end to the 19-month-old Gulf war. Iran is if anything more determined than ever not to negotiate until Iraqi forces withdraw unconditionally from its territory.

Western and nonaligned diplomats in Baghdad say the war is far from over, despite Iranian advances in the last seven months.

But they add that Iran scored its biggest victory of the war when it pushed Iraqi forces back from positions west of the towns of Dezful and Shush last month, and that much now depends on the outcome of the next major battles.

"Two or three more Iranian victories like that could be enough to break them," one diplomat said. He said an Iranian attack could come some time next month if Iran continued its past pattern of a big offensive about every eight weeks. But other envoys said Iran's forces appeared to have suffered heavy casualties in last month's fighting, adding that the military balance could still tip back in favor of Iraq.

This might happen if the Iranians proved unable because of their losses to mount a new offensive in

the near future, if Iraq succeeded in defeating a major Iranian assault, or if Iraq took the initiative and launched a successful attack itself, they said.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has not disguised the fact that some of his frontline forces did not perform well in the latest battles and he has dwelt at length on the possibility of the Iranians crossing the border into Iraqi territory in a future assault.

So far, the war has been waged almost entirely on Iranian soil. Iraqi troops have been pushed back in places, but they still hold much of the territory they occupied in September 1980 when President Hussein ordered them to move into Iran after months of sporadic border clashes. The president told Iraq's National Assembly (parliament) after last month's fighting that many troops who had faced the initial Iranian assaults had been raw recruits, put into action so Iraq could man all the 750 kms of fronts from the Iranian oil province of Kuzestan in the south to the mountains of Kurdistan in the north.

In that speech and in an earlier message to his troops, he spelled out for the first time that Iraq's main aim in the war was preventing an Iranian invasion of its territory. He told the commander to the Dezful-Shush sector that his troops should try to destroy Iran's war machine "to put it in a position in which it will not realistically be able to penetrate deep inside our territory and reach our cities."

He said in the National Assembly that Iraq's purpose in the war was "to prevent the Iranian aggression from achieving its strategic objectives, which are to enter our land, destroy our towns, and turn Iraq into a satellite of Iran."

The revolutionary government in Tehran has said it has no intention of sending forces into Iraq. President Ali Khamenei said recently: "We announce that we have no intention of usurping Arab lands." But a leading Iranian politician, Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani, said last week that Iranian forces could invade Iraq and besiege Baghdad if President Hussein failed to accept Iran's terms for peace.

Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani is speaker of the Iranian Majlis (parliament) and represents Iran's spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini on Iran's Supreme Defense Council.

With the tide of the war apparently turning in Iran's favor, Baghdad has repeatedly indicated its willingness to start negotiations and even to make concessions. Nothing it has offered so far has tempted Iran to agree to peace talks.

President Hussein told the National Assembly that he might be willing to pull his troops out of Iran if Tehran undertook not to take advantage of the withdrawal. "The solution, brothers, is that you should leave them their land after you have been given guarantees that they will not encroach on your territory or water or destroy your towns," he said.

For its part, Iran has continued to insist on three main conditions for peace: unconditional withdrawal of Iraqi troops, punishment of the "aggressor", and payment of war indemnities. Earlier this month, Rafsanjani even added a new condition — the return to Iraq of thousands of people expelled from Iran on charges of having pro-Iranian sympathies. The diplomats in Baghdad, some of whom are

involved in efforts by the Nonaligned Movement to mediate in the conflict, said they believed solutions could be devised to reconcile the apparently incompatible demands of the two sides.

The main obstacle to peace, they said, was the simple fact that while Iraq was willing to hold immediate talks, Iran, buoyed by its recent military successes, was not.

"To find formulas for peace would not be very difficult. To create the political climate for peace is what is difficult," one Western ambassador said.

"Iraq has hinted it would be ready to show flexibility," a nonaligned envoy said. "If there was flexibility on the Iranian side, you would find the other things clicking into place." (R)



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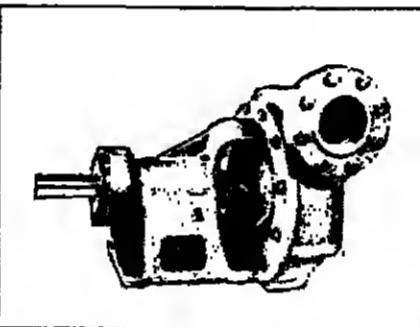
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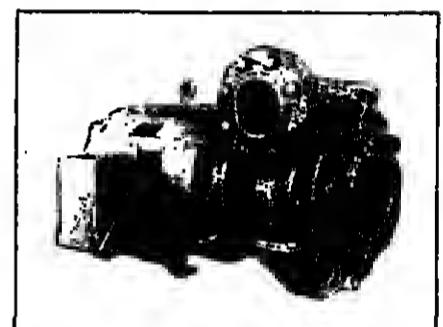
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Illegal operators discouraged

Indonesia encourages manufacturers to meet local, worldwide demands for electronic gadgets

By Warief Djajanto

JAKARTA (Depthnews) — Teenagers walk the streets with earphones stuck to their ears, while *bekas* (pedicabs) and ice cream carts blare with music — signs of an electronics craze that is sweeping Indonesia.

The demand for transistor radios, cassette tape recorders and television sets has been described here as "simply phenomenal." In fact, dealers in the larger towns like Bandung, Semarang and Ujung Pandang are making sure that they always have a full inventory of electronic gadgets to keep up with rising demand.

The boom is just beginning and producers are confident that it will last for the next two years. And this is perking up local manufacturers. Statistics show that domestic production of electronic goods rose by 20 percent in 1981 over that of 1980.

The directorate general for miscellaneous industries of the Department of Industry admitted that it has its hands full processing requests for increased production. Kusdiarso Hadinoto, director general for miscellaneous industries, said TV sets and radio-cassettes are the gadgets most in demand.

The brisk electronics market is attributed to the general increase in income, particularly the farmers. Since 1978, Indonesian farmers have been blessed with bumper crop harvests.

In 1980, Indonesia electronic assembly plants, many of them joint ventures with established West European and Japanese manufacturers, produced 690,000 units of

black and white and color TV sets. But during the first six months of 1981 alone, production had already reached 425,700 units of TV sets.

Production of radio cassettes is also soaring to unprecedented heights. In 1980, manufacturers turned out 616,500 units. During the first half of last year combined production had already reached 405,200 units.

The demand for the cheaper conventional radio models is even more bullish. In 1980, 1,110,400 units came out of production lines.

The Gabungan Elektronika, the umbrella organization of the electronics industry, now has 89 members engaged in the manufacture of 35 different brands of electronics items.

In addition, there are a number of illegal garage-type electronics firms operating without assembly plants. But this year, the government is determined to "rationalize" the industry by ferreting out the illegal operators. Only companies with the required equipment like an assembly line belt, will be recognized and given permits to operate.

"The backyard operators will have to go," an official of the miscellaneous industries said. A major objective of the rationalization program is to prod manufacturers to make greater use of locally-made electronics components. Companies which lack the capability to manufacture their own components will be encouraged to merge with established ones, Hadinoto said.

The long-term objective, he said, is to lessen the dependence of local producers on foreign sources. Indonesia's electronics industry now has an annual turnover of 1,300

billion rupiah (\$2 billion), and employs 50,000 workers.

Manufacturers have already started producing locally-made components, and the program will be expanded. A number of local manufacturers are merging to produce standardized parts that can be used interchangeably with other makes. One such main component is the printed circuit board of PCB.

Despite the brisk local market for electronic items, manufacturers have their sights trained on foreign markets. Officials admit that the government's electronics development was geared for the foreign market, and local sales was only an "incidental" component of the overall program.

Lukman Hakim of PT National Gobel, which has a Japanese partner, said Indonesian-made radios and cassette tape recorders will find a good market in Europe and Africa.

The only problem with Europe, he said, is that local manufacturers will have to adjust to European production standards. For instance, European radio models have an FM (UKW) band, while only about 10 percent of Indonesian-made radio models carry an FM band.

This could seriously affect sales of locally produced radio models in Europe and Africa.

Multinational electronics companies, particularly Americans, have established operations in Indonesia and other Southeast Asian countries. But their integrated circuits assembled in the host countries are shipped back to their overseas headquarters before

shipping them back in again as imported components.

Unless arrangements can be made to dispose locally the major components made by multinationals, Indonesian manufacturers will have to devise their own way of overcoming the problem. But Indon manufacturers are confident that their Japanese partners will share with them their advanced technical knowhow.

Eating habits cause American weight problem

By Didier Farnoux

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Roughly one American in every three is overweight in a population of more than 200 millions. Moreover, according to national statistics from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 30 million Americans can be classified as obese.

The Department of Health's National Center for Health Statistics estimates that male Americans on average are overweight by 28.5 pounds and female Americans 2.2 pounds more.

The social group most subject to obesity, by the center's reckoning, is black women between the ages of 45 and 74.

Excess weight being a recognized hazard to health, the blame is unanimously cast by the medical profession on aberrant eating habits.

"The average American diet is too high in calories, it is too high in fat and too high in sugar," in the judgement of Dr. Myron Winick, who heads the Institute of Nutrition at Columbia University.

The universal availability and popularity of "junk food" — a native term for the competitively produced, starchy, calorie-high fare on sale at hamburger stands and chain restaurants across the nation — is held responsible for this permanent epidemic.

"Obese people are described as one of the most persecuted minorities in the U.S.," Dr. Winick points out. "They have a tougher time getting jobs, getting into college, having a satisfactory social life."

Time is another factor conducive to obesity in the United States. Americans are given to systematic nibbling between meals and mainly only candies, sandwiches and fast-food snacks.

It is no uncommon sight to see homeward-bound motorists on suburban freeways dispatching a pre-dinner hotdog at the wheel and chasing it with a carton of coffee or Coca-Cola.

Another Look

An Academy Award nightmare

By Robert Youkum

PEOPLE ALL OVER THE GLOBE, PLEASE STRAIGHTEN YOUR TIE.

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"Good gentlemen, ladies and evening!" That gets a laugh. I realize that they think I did it deliberately.

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"WHERE IS THAT?" asks the Teleprompter.

"Where is that?" you may ask. I continue. "We have made enormous strides. We have pioneered the state of the art. Out of our imaginations we have forged, uh..."

"WHO IS WE? NAME NAMES."

"Who is we?" you may ask. Let me name names."

In dreams, at the real life, I have a serious problem with names. Not only do I forget new names as soon as I have been introduced to someone, but my mind often deprives me of old familiar names when I need them, especially when I'm under stress.

And here I am under tremendous stress with tens of millions waiting for me to list all the people without whose aid I wouldn't be up there. It's a sacred ritual. Even if I knew the names I couldn't bring them forth now.

I try to get around the problem by free-associating: "First, let's recall those who, in one way or another, have also made their contribution. Uh...Rin Tin Tin, Lassie, Godzilla, King Kong, Boris Karloff, Bela Lugosi, uh...Gene Kelly, Jean Stapleton, Maureen Stapleton, Maureen Reagan, Ronald Reagan, Ronald Coleman, Gary Coleman, Gary Cooper, Cary Grant, Lee Grant, Grant Tinker, Tinker Bell..."

"GET OFF!" the Teleprompter orders, and two people help me off the stage. As I look back from the wings, just before I faint, I see that I've left Oscar standing on the podium. Then comes the merciful fade-out.

Sunday May 2: An welcome check-in.

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By Peter J.
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And many years ago George E. Burch, M.D., professor emeritus of medicine at Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, wrote: "Any virus infection is capable of causing myocardial damage."

To put it simply to overly ambitious men and women, "take it easy after an attack of the flu."

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(Replies to and from readers)

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Indonesia tightens security for election

JAKARTA, April 27 (AFP) — Indonesian troops will henceforth open fire without warning on persons who try to foment disorder, the national security chief, Adm. Sudomo, told news conference Tuesday.

Adm. Sudomo's announcement of the measure, one of several taken recently for the current election campaign, followed Sunday's clashes between troops and opposition party men during a campaign rally organized by the ruling Golkar Party, in which seven persons were killed.

He announced that on polling day, May 4, more stringent security measures would be

Kaunda-Botha talks planned in Botswana

LONDON, April 27 (AFP) — South African Prime Minister P.W. Botha and Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda are expected to meet within the next 48 hours in Botswana, *The Times* of London reported Tuesday.

The paper said that the meeting will take place in a hunting lodge in northern Botswana, which would ensure the best security for the South African prime minister. *The Times* recalled that the meeting is taking place at Kaunda's initiative.

In Cape Town, a spokesman for Botha refused to comment on the report, which was quoted by *The Johannesburg Star* evening paper Tuesday. It was in an interview with the Star on May 18 that the Zambian president expressed a wish to meet the South African prime minister to discuss the problem of Namibia and the "explosive situation" in southern Africa.

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Greeks protest U.S. Sixth Fleet visit

ATHENS, April 27 (AP) — About 4,000 leftists, carrying placards and chanting anti-American slogans, marched to the American Embassy in Athens Monday to protest against the visits of U.S. Sixth Fleet vessels to Greek ports.

The demonstrators chanted slogans such as: "Our with the 6th Fleet now," and "Americans out of our Country." The banners called for the removal of American bases from Greece, and the withdrawal of the country from NATO.

Policemen were discreetly following the march, while others were stationed outside the embassy on the outskirts of the city center. The demonstrators attempted to deliver a protest to the embassy, but a guard told them that no official was in the building at that time. Police said the demonstrators forced the troops to open fire, he said.

He added that authorities quickly quelled violence that broke out after Monday's funeral of those who had been killed. So far, 31 persons have died throughout Indonesia either because of clashes or traffic accidents during election campaign rallies.

Adm. Sudomo said he believed that Sunday's incident had been planned in advance "because it happened in several suburbs simultaneously and we seized a number of weapons."

Asked if he was implying that the Muslim United Development Party was responsible for the incident, he said: "There has been trouble within the (party) itself before the campaign period between those opposing the election and groups that favor the poll. It is not impossible that the former had caused the incident." It was difficult to identify party members as many did not have membership cards, Adm. Sudomo added.

The Indian Air Force line-up already includes the Anglo-French Jaguar strike aircraft, the Soviet MiG-23 fighter-bomber and the advanced MiG-25 reconnaissance jet. Now India has announced that it will buy the Mirage 2000, described by Defense Minister Ramaswami Venkataraman as a new generation of aircraft superior to any plane India has at present.

The French Defense Ministry announced recently that deal was for the purchase of 40 Mirage 2000s more to be produced later in

dispersed quietly.

The march, organized by the Panathenian Committee for International Peace and Detente, stemmed from an incident last week involving two American sailors who smashed the windows of a Greek school on the western Aegean Island of Skiatos. They were both serving on board the 6th Fleet auxiliary vessel *Santa Barbara*, which was visiting the island.

Ronald Cochran, 19, and Richard Lesler, 21, were sentenced by a local court to 22 and 16 months imprisonment respectively. A U.S. Embassy spokesman said their hometowns were not known, and no further details on them were disclosed by police on Skiatos.

Meanwhile, in Belgrade, outgoing Defense Minister Nokola Ljubicic said

Monday Yugoslavia would feel threatened by the deployment of nuclear missiles near its borders, a reference to NATO countries Italy and Greece.

"If someone deploys rocket centers near our borders and by doing so threatens our security, we have to point out this danger all the time," he said at a Communist Party conference of the Yugoslav armed forces.

In remarks carried by the state news agency Tanjug, Ljubicic said "it would not suit them (other countries) if in our country we amassed weapons by which they would be threatened. "We do not want this. It does not suit our policy, and therefore, it does not suit our military strategy either."

Gen. Ljubicic is to retire from the army next month after serving 15 years as defense minister.

Mirage deal boosts Indian defense force

NEW DELHI, April 27 (R) — A decision by India to buy the advanced French Mirage 200 combat aircraft will make the Indian Air Force one of the most up-to-date in the developing world.

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The present Indian Air Force strength is mainly in strike and fighter-bomber aircraft and experts said the Mirage 2000 is being bought mainly as a defensive measure against the F-16 — the aircraft used by Israel in its attack on an Iraqi nuclear plant last year.

The Indians want the first batch of Mirage

BRIEFS

BONN (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and Hungarian Communist Party chief Janos Kadar met here Sunday for talks expected to focus on current tensions in East-West relations. A Bonn government spokesman said, Kadar arrived Monday night on a two-day official visit, the first to the West by a Soviet bloc leader since martial law was declared in Poland last December.

CHINHOYI, Zimbabwe (AP) — A white farmer was slain by gunmen who attacked his homestead 40 kms west of here, security sources said Tuesday. It was the first attack against a white-owned farm in Zimbabwe's northwest region since the end of the seven-year guerrilla war Dec. 31, 1979.

BANGKOK (AFP) — A Thai navy official was shot dead, another wounded and a third reported missing when Laotian soldiers fired on their patrol boat from the Laotian side

Monday night, a Thai Navy spokesman said here Tuesday.

ROME (AP) — Mafia boss Frank "Three Fingers" Coppola, 82, who was deported from the United States in 1948 and spent much of his life in Italian prison died in a clinic outside Rome on Monday.

The Indians want the first batch of Mirage

2000s within two years, about the time Pakistan receives its first F-16s. The Mirage deal follows protracted discussions over a credit arrangement with the French government and the manufacturers, Dassault-Breguet.

No details on the credit terms have been issued here, but the independent French newspaper *Le Monde* said last April 16 that India had put down a five percent deposit on the deal worth nearly \$1 billion.

Uncorfirm reports in Delhi said the Indians were able to get a better deal with the French because of the visit here last month of Soviet Defense Minister Dimitry Ustinov. Ustinov is reported to have offered India the new Soviet MiG-27 aircraft and experts said that New Delhi was able to use this as a bargaining point with the French.

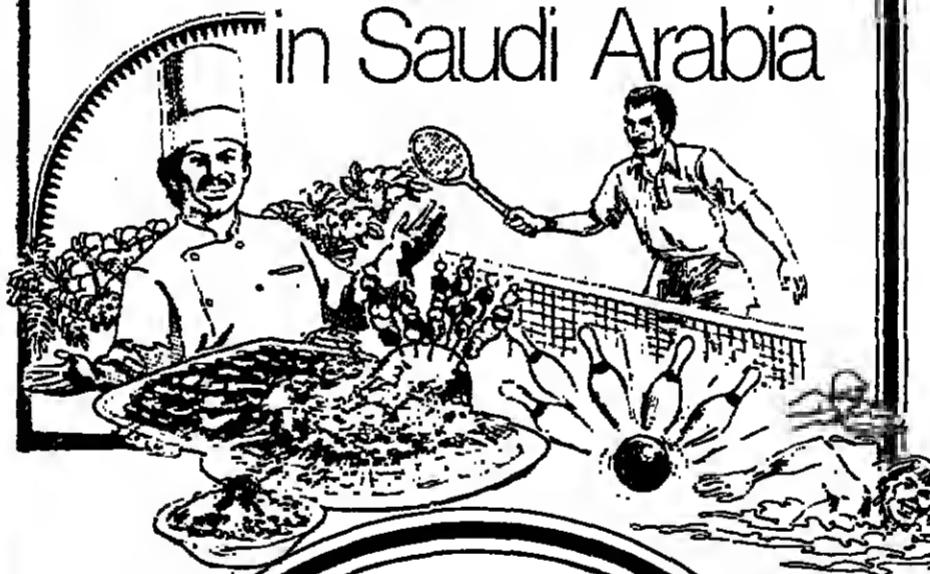
Aside from China, which has nuclear missiles and more than 5,000 combat aircraft, according to the International Institute of Strategic Studies in London, India and North Korea have by far the biggest air forces in Asia. The institute says India has about 615 combat aircraft, North Korea about 700, Vietnam 485 (many of them in store), Japan 350 and South Korea 378. Pakistan is said to have 220 combat aircraft.

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Final results put Mahathir front on top

KUALA LUMPUR, April 27 (Agencies) — Malaysia's ruling National Front, keeping up the momentum of its landslide win in last week's general elections, Tuesday controlled 132 of 154 parliamentary seats as final results trickled in from east Malaysia.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mahathir Muhammad's 11-party multiracial coalition had won 29 of 38 seats announced in the Borneo island states of Sabah and Sarawak where voting was staggered over five days.

Dr. Mahathir's victory in Sabah was soured by bitter rivalry between two front members, which saw independents of the ruling Berjaya Party defeat five official front candidates. Berjaya, which also truncated the United Sabah National Organization (USNO) in local state elections last year, won all the 11 seats allocated to it.

Dr. Mahathir, who told component parties that members who quit to fight official front candidates should not be taken back, now has to decide whether to add the five independents to his already massive majority.

The main opposition, the Chinese-based Democratic Action Party (DAP), unexpectedly won three urban seats, two for the first time in Sarawak, gaining some comfort from its earlier setbacks in the peninsula where it lost half its members of parliament. The DAP now has nine seats, four fewer than the 13 it held before parliament was dissolved.

Dr. Mahathir, who called elections months early after taking office last July, is now expected to name his new cabinet later this week, though he has said there will be no major changes. The 56-year-old leader, armed with an overwhelming popular mandate from the country's Chinese and Indians as well as his own majority Malays, wants to push ahead with his domestic reform programs and rapid industrialization.

Diplomats and politicians see no change in the pro-Western and anti-Communist foreign policy of the National Front.

U.S. firm on curbing vital sales to Russia

FLORIDA, April 27 (R) — A senior Commerce Department official has reiterated U.S. determination to strengthen controls on export of critical technology and goods to the Soviet Union.

Lionel Olmer, undersecretary of commerce for international trade, cited Monday a recently-declassified study by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) that said Moscow had applied Western technology, some of it

Iran set to buy wheat from Turkey

LONDON, April 27 (R) — Iran is to buy 400,000 tons of wheat from Pakistan and Turkey to meet its domestic needs during the current Iranian year which started March 21. Iran's National News Agency, IRNA, has reported.

Quoting Javad Assemi-Pur, head of cereal organization, IRNA said Iran was concluding similar deals with other Islamic countries but did not name them. Assemi said Iran would import 350,000 tons from Turkey and 50,000 tons from Pakistan.

Meanwhile a Turkish tractor company has signed a contract with the Iranian government to supply 5,000 tractors valued at over \$45 million to Iran within two years.

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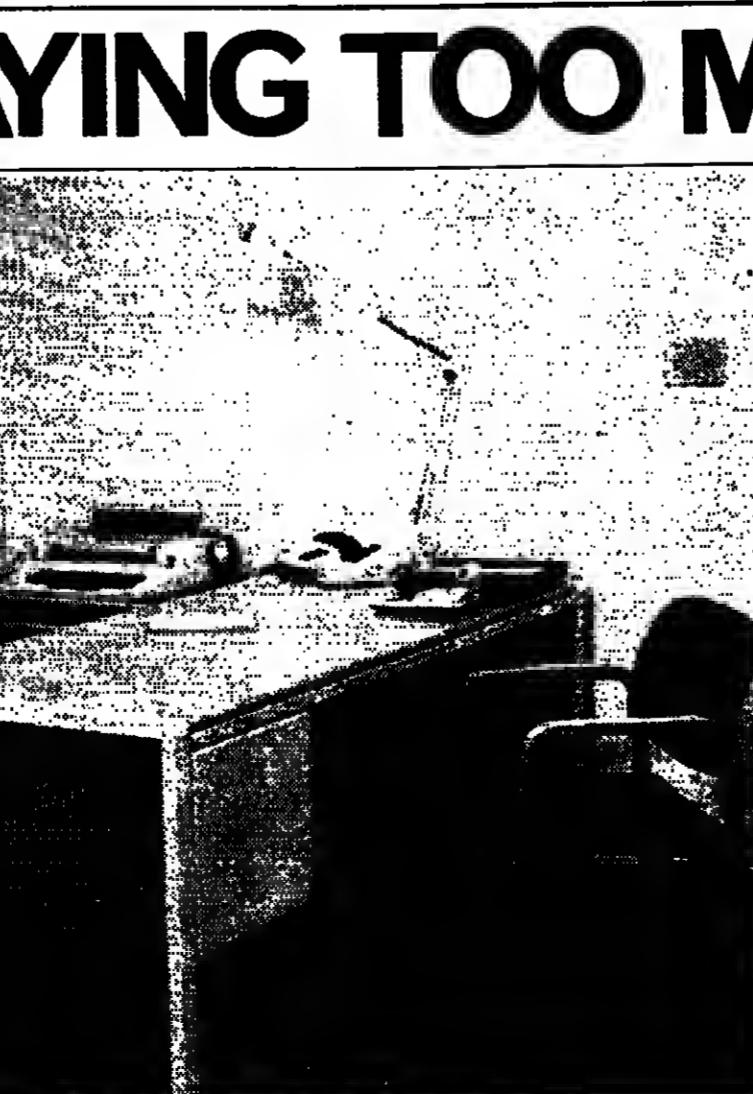
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Arab fund to continue project study

KUWAIT, April 27 (R) — Ministers from five Arab oil-exporting countries have ended talks on helping poor Arab countries with a \$5 billion development fund, but agreed only to continue studies on proposed aid projects.

A statement issued by the ministers Monday, whose countries are to finance an Arab development decade, said they told its secretariat to continue studies on possible projects until the next ministerial meeting, for which no date was set.

The development decade, proposed by Iraq, was agreed at an Arab League summit in Amman, Jordan, in 1980. Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Iraq pledged to provide funds.

The idea was to make long-term low-interest loans to poor Arab states and potential recipients have been identified as the North and South Yemens, Sudan, Somalia, Mauritania and Djibouti.

Saudi Arabia has pledged \$1.8 billion, Kuwait \$1.5 billion, the UAE \$800 million, Iraq \$750 million and Qatar \$500 million. The money was to be disbursed at a rate of \$500 million per year. Ministers leaving the closed-door meeting here declined to answer questions on why no project lending had been approved.

Economy hard hit Syria deals blow to Iraq

BAGHDAD, April 27 (R) — Syrian sanctions against Iraq are hurting the Iraqi economy but they have given the Baghdad government an ideal excuse to introduce long-needed austerity measures, Western diplomats believe.

Syria, which has supported Iran against Iraq in the 19-month-old Gulf war, closed its border with Iraq earlier this month and shut down pipelines carrying Iraqi crude oil exports across its territory to the Mediterranean coast.

The actions hit the Iraqi government when it was already about \$26 billion in debt to other Gulf oil states, the diplomats said. Iraq's planning minister had also recently been dismissed apparently because of failure to control an economy in which inflation averaged 30 percent last year, they added.

But the diplomats said that for the first time in the war, Iraq's leaders had a golden excuse to take austerity measures which might cut the living standards on ordinary people.

The leadership might be able to tackle not only the effects of the Syrian sanctions but also a range of other economic problems without fearing a backlash from the mass of Iraqis. Any shortages in the shops or slowdown of economic projects could be blamed on Syria.

The diplomats said the government had previously taken trouble to keep shops full of luxuries as well as basic commodities in

order to reassure citizens that the conflict was not crippling their country. But this had meant spending precious foreign currency on non-essential goods which used scarce transport capacity.

The government had also pressed on as far as possible with its vast development program, telling foreign partners that despite the fighting it was business as usual. The diplomats said closing the pipelines across Syria had cut Iraq's oil exports from about one million barrels daily to 600,000 barrels at a time when Iraq appeared to be gaining the upper hand in the war. This could cost Iraq more than \$5 billion over the next year in lost revenues, they estimated.

The diplomats said sealing the land border blocked roads bringing non-military supplies to Iraq, also closed was the only rail link with Europe, used to import petrol and other refined products vital to the war effort. President Saddam Hussein has already started preparing his people for sacrifices.

In a long address to the National Assembly (parliament) he urged government and party officials and members of the assembly to be models of austerity. "We have entered a new phase with regard to the economy," he said.

Hussein called on women to economize at home and on children to save their pocket money to make up for the pipeline.

Oil import fee seen to boost U.S. inflation

WASHINGTON, April 27 (AP) — A study by an American consumer organization says an oil import fee, suggested as one way to help balance the federal budget, would increase inflation by one-half percent a year and wipe out as many as 400,000 jobs in the United States.

The Consumer Energy Council released the study Monday at hearings before a house subcommittee. Mark Cooper, the council's director of research, told a news conference later that such an import fee would be "devastating to the economy." He said the effect would be to wipe out the tax decreases lower-and-middle-income Americans gained under the Reagan administration.

The council's study assumed that three-fourths of the import fee paid by oil companies would be passed on to consumers, meaning it would add to inflation and hurt non-energy segments of the economy.

The study judged the effect would increase the nation's oil bill by \$21 billion, hike inflation by one-half percentage point, and decrease the gross national product by between 0.65 percent and 1.25 percent. That would mean a loss of between 200,000 and 400,000 jobs, the study added.

The study also said that revenue gains to the federal government would be cut into by increased costs for unemployment benefits and social assistance programs.

Business with India

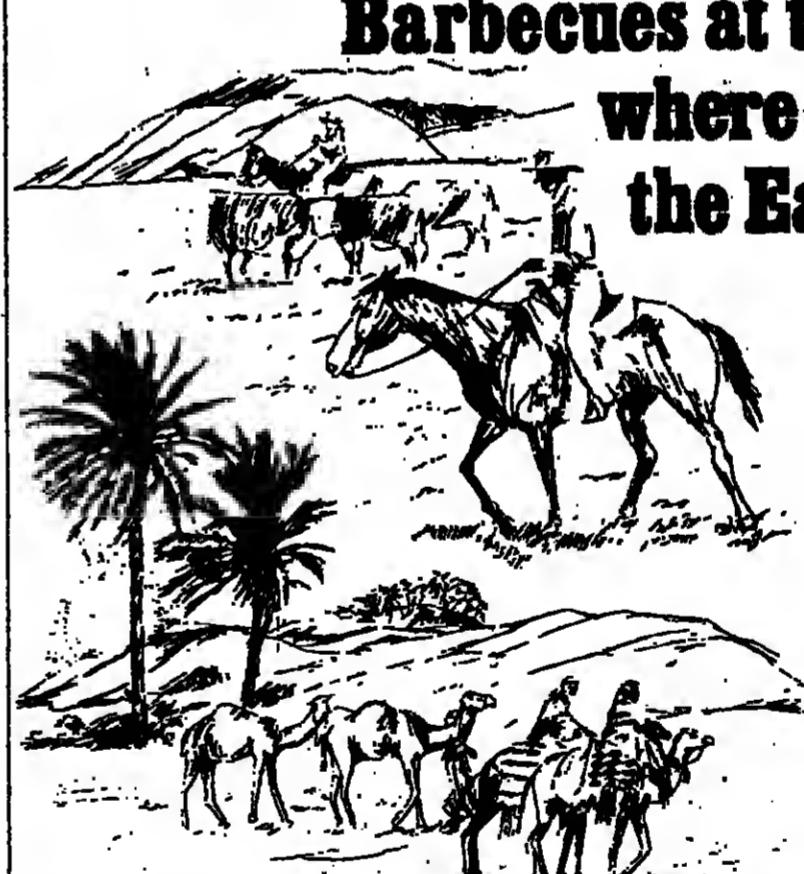
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Mubarak says

Egypt can beat economic crisis

Cairo, April 27 (AP) — As the cheers die down after Israel's withdrawal from Sinai, President Hosni Mubarak has warned his country that the economy remains the number one challenge.

In a speech to the nation, he said it would be possible to beat Egypt's economic difficulties. There were reasons for optimism, but there was no rose-strewn path to better times.

The sluggish international business climate is making Egypt's economists cautious. They are carrying out a holding operation before launching a specific recovery program.

One immediate task is to counter the trade deficit. The Central Statistics Office says the shortfall in the first eight months of 1981 was \$1.8 billion or 145 percent greater than a year earlier.

It would be nice to boost exports, but

Asian bank attains target

MANILA, April 27 (R) — The Asian Development Bank (ADB) Tuesday achieved its target of raising \$3.2 billion in new contributions to its fund for lending to the poorest countries in the Asian-Pacific region.

After an unexpectedly lengthy meeting here of the 17 donor countries in the Asian Development Fund (ADF) stretching over two days, ADB president Masao Fujisawa announced that the revised target had been reached.

Faced with a refusal by the United States to increase its original offer of \$520 million, the bank made up a shortfall of \$200 million by getting extra contributions from 10 countries led by Japan.

Egypt's oil rate has been reduced by one dollar a barrel. Oil accounts for some 65 percent of foreign currency earnings, with about 18 million tons sold abroad annually.

Meanwhile, Suez Canal dues were below expectations last year. A figure of \$1.2 billion was hoped for, but the takings were only \$800 million due to fewer movements and the rise of the dollar rate to the Special Drawing Rights (SDR) in which tolls are paid.

Another cause for concern has been pinpointed by the Cairo press. Currency brought home by Egyptians working abroad is on the decline.

The papers hazard no figures but they report that the two million expatriate workers are tending these days to deposit

their money in foreign banks to obtain high interest.

Central bank figures here show that in 1980-81 these expatriates brought home \$1.7 billion accounting for 60 percent of deposits in Egyptian banks.

Tourism, another currency earner at some \$800 million annually, is still suffering from the aftermath of President Anwar Sadat's assassination.

The Egyptian pound has again started depreciating against the dollar on the free market, after rising a little. Executives in foreign banks operating here say that the outflow of capital after Sadat's murder is continuing, though the pace has slowed.

Sea law storm blows over

UNITED NATIONS, April 27 (AP) — The U.N. law of the sea conference averted an unexpected 10th-hour crisis Monday when a Romanian amendment was withdrawn that would have required navies to get permission before sending warships through foreign coastal waters.

The resolution, co-sponsored by 29 other states including China, ran into stiff opposition from both the United States and the Soviet Union, eager to give their nations greatest possible freedom of movement.

The withdrawal came after the United States, its Western allies and the Soviet Union agreed not to press forward with their controversial amendments to the deep seabed mining provisions of the proposed international law of the sea convention.

But behind-the-scenes negotiations on the seabed mining provisions are expected to continue until Friday, the target date for wrapping up eight years of negotiations on the

convention.

The outcome of those negotiations will determine whether the United States, the major critic of the mining provisions, will go along with a conference consensus in favor of the convention. Third World countries have threatened to adopt the sea law without the United States, if necessary.

Even if the United States does not raise formal objections at the conference's final session, it was possible that the administration of President Ronald Reagan might refuse to send the pact to the Senate for ratification if submitted, the convention is expected to face stiff opposition in the Senate.

The proposed convention would cover everything from fishing rights in free passage through international straits. It would set a 12-mile (19 km) limit for territorial waters and establish a 200-mile (320 km) economic zone in which each coastal state would be free to exploit the sea's resources.

U.K. jobless cross 3m mark in April

LONDON, April 27 (AP) — The number of Britons out of work this month rose again to over three million, the Department of Employment said Tuesday.

Figures based on the April 15 unemployment rolls showed 3,017,726 jobless or 12.6 percent of the nation's work force. In March, the total had dropped below the politically sensitive three-million level to 2,992,322.

It was a setback for Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government which is having one of its best periods of economic news since it came to office three years ago.

Statistics this month show annual inflation at 10.4 percent and falling quickly toward single figures, while price inflation for three years, are settling down to an average of 7 percent and the government's debt below original forecasts.

However, Mrs. Thatcher acknowledged in a BBC television interview Monday night that unemployment would worsen and was her toughest economic problem.

The main reason for April's increase, the government said, was that more than 10,000 teenagers left school during festival, holidays and failed to find jobs.

Foreign Exchange Rates

	Quoted at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.13	—	9.11	—
Bangladesh Taka	—	—	16.00	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	—	—	—
Canadian Dollar	—	—	281.00	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	144.60	144.50	—	—
Dutch Guilder (100)	131.00	130.20	—	—
Egyptian Pound	—	—	3.72	—
Emirates Dirham (1,000)	93.50	93.50	—	—
French Franc (1,000)	55.35	55.40	—	—
Greek Drachma (1,000)	54.45	54.35	—	—
Indian Rupee (1,000)	—	—	36.54	—
Iranian Rial (1,000)	—	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	26.50	26.25	—	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	—	—	14.45	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	9.90	9.85	—	—
Jordanian Dinar	11.99	11.98	—	—
Kuwaiti Dinar	69.20	69.15	—	—
Lebanese Lira (100)	58.50	58.45	—	—
Moroccan Dirham (1,000)	—	—	—	—
Pakistani Rupee (1,000)	—	—	—	—
Philippines Peso (1,000)	6.12	6.10	—	—
Qatari Rial (100)	94.35	94.30	—	—
Singapore Dollar (1,000)	—	—	162.10	—
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	32.95	32.80	—	—
Swiss Franc (1,000)	175.65	175.50	—	—
Syrian Lira (100)	56.40	63.60	—	—
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	—	—
U.S. Dollar	3.439	3.432	—	—
Yemeni Rial (1,000)	75.00	75.10	—	—
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Financial Roundup

Dollar rates resist pressure

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, April 27 — The American currency stabilized somewhat on the European Tuesday markets, with sterling remaining volatile despite some moderate Bank of England support. In the money markets, Eurodollar deposit rates stopped their Monday declines and in fact firmed by about 1/8 percent in all tenors, taking the one-month rate to 14 1/4 - 14 1/2 percent in London trading. On Monday night the Federal Reserve Board maintained a passive stand and intervened only occasionally when its "Fed fund" prime lending rate fell below 14 1/4 percent. Expectations for a large rise in this Friday's weekly money supply figures kept the money markets more stable, otherwise there seems to be continuing downward pressure on dollar deposit rates.

In the bullion markets, both the Hong Kong and European markets saw gold prices fall back sharply Tuesday to \$348 levels in contrast to Monday's active buying which saw prices rise to new high of \$365 at one stage. Some heavy profit-taking and speculative selling pushed down the price of gold and bullion dealers were once again not too optimistic that prices will be sustainable at the new levels.

In the local markets, royal deposit rates were fairly steady with little movement recorded for most of the day. Activity was concentrated in the shorter tenure of the market and the one-month JIBOR rate was

quoted at 12 3/4 - 13 1/4 percent and the one-year at 13 - 13 1/2 percent. The week-fixed tenor recorded a slight rise of 1/8 percent to trade at 11 3/8-12 1/8 percent. Local dealers reported that inter-bank activity was "under average" with the local institutions adopting a wait-and-see attitude until the dollar situation is clear. In the exchanges, spot royal-dollar rates opened at a cautious 3.4300-11, but some commercial demand drove the rate up slightly to 3.4302-09 levels by close of business.

In the European exchanges, the French franc fell back by more than 200 points to trade at 6,200 levels after some renewed speculation that there might be some realignment moves within the European Monetary System. The German mark was more stable at 2,370 levels compared to Monday's 2,371.0, while the Swiss franc was slightly weaker at 1,9630 levels. The yen continued to hold onto its recent gains and traded at 239.20 helped by import demand for the yen while sterling was more volatile trading between 1,7605 to 1,7790 levels despite some moderate Bank of England support and a small rise in U.K. short-term interest rates.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	352.00
Paris	349.71
Frankfurt	353.00
Zurich	351.50
Hong Kong	352.05

Ex-Im Bank to shun debt-hit states

WASHINGTON, April 27 (AP) — The United States Export-Import Bank is withholding new loans or loan guarantees from countries that require private and government lenders to consider rescheduling their debts, the bank's chairman and president has said.

William H. Draper III said these countries include Poland, Romania, Costa Rica and others. "In other areas of the world, the Export-Import Bank also has exercised caution for economic and financial reasons," he said. "For example, in Nigeria, because of its decline in oil receipts, the bank has become more selective by focusing its support on foreign exchange-earning projects."

"A similar policy has been adopted in Egypt, which is a promising market but one with significant economic imbalance," he said. The U.S. Export-Import Bank is a government institution that seeks to stimulate American exports by granting low-interest loans to the purchasers.

Draper said the vast majority of Americans exports go forward without any government assistance. They are either sold for cash or financed in the private market, he said. The Export-Import Bank participates only for two reasons: to help those export sales which are threatened by foreign official export credit

subsidies, and to support those sales which the private sector is unable to finance because of unacceptable political or commercial risk.

"In fiscal year 1981, in spite of our budgetary and operating constraints, we supported a record level of \$18.6 billion of U.S. exports," Draper said. These exports may have accounted for only about 8 percent of total U.S. exports, but at that margin, these sales have a crucial effect on productivity, technology and employment.

General Motors runs into big loss

DETROIT, April 27 (R) — General Motors, the biggest United States car maker, says that it lost millions of dollars in the first three months of this year.

This compared with a profit of \$267.4 million in the first quarter of 1981.

The corporation reported Monday a net income of \$128.3 million in the latest quarter, down from \$191.6 million in the same period of 1981.

GM said sales fell by \$1 billion compared with the 1981 quarter to \$14.72 billion.

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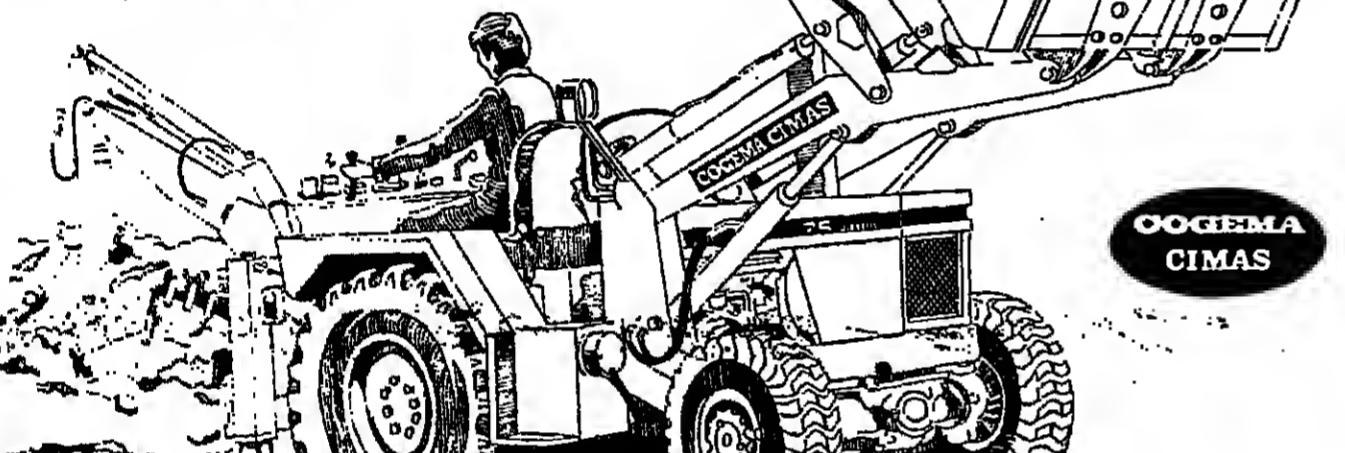
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As Ryan strikes form at last

Astros inflict 2nd defeat on Cardinals

NEW YORK, April 27 (AP) — Struggling Nolan Ryan finally won his first game of the season for Houston and the hot Boston Red Sox rolled to their seventh straight in Monday night's baseball action.

Ryan pitched a four-hitter to help the Astros beat the St. Louis Cardinals 6-2 in National League play. The Red Sox, meanwhile, took a two-night doubleheader from the Chicago White Sox, 3-2 and 5-0, in the American. In the only other game Monday night, the Pittsburgh Pirates trounced the Atlanta Braves 6-4.

Ray Knight had a home run, double and single and three RBI to help Ryan win his first game in five innings. The Astro right-hander, who started the night with a 7.97 earned run average, struck out five. Jusc Cruz also belted a two-run homer as the Cardinals absorbed their second straight loss following 12 straight victories.

After Tony Scott singled for his first of three hits in the Houston first, Knight slugged his second homer of the year. The blast came off John Marin, 2-2. Two innings later, Knight doubled; Cruz hit his first homer of the season with two out off Martin.

Jim Rice singled home Wade Boggs from second base in the eighth inning to lead Bos-

Retains title in fifth

Moore outclasses Weir

JOHANNESBURG, April 27 (AP) — The World Boxing Association went to a lot of trouble to sanction Monday night's junior middleweight title fight here between America's Davey Moore and South African challenger Charlie Weir — but as it turned out, the world-champion barely raised a sweat as he kept his controversial title.

The American sent Weir, 26, in the canvas six times in five rounds as he totally eclipsed South Africa's brightest boxing star. The end came in the fifth round, but the writing was on the wall long before that.

The 50,000 crowd came close to raising the rafters of the giant New Ellis Park Stadium as Weir put on a classy if cautious display in the first round. But that was the end of any South African hopes.

In the second round, the 21-year-old New Yorker showed that you don't get to be world champion for nothing, as he twice sent Weir down for an eight-count. It was then just a matter of time. And the fight ended at 35 seconds of the fifth as Moore slid in a crunch-

In rain-shortened New Orleans Open

Scott Hoch emerges tops

NEW ORLEANS, April 27 (Agencies) — Scott Hoch Monday chalked up a two-stroke win in the New Orleans Open Golf Tournament, as the event was shortened to 54 holes because of rain and flooding.

Hoch shot a third round of 70, 2-under-par, for a 54-hole total of 206 — 10-under-par. Tom Watson and Australian Bob Shearer tied for second with 208s, as Shearer had a final 71 and Watson scored a sparkling 67. Next was Steve Melnyk with 209, with a bright 68.

The rain-delayed second round was extended to Monday and Scott Hoch's lead was not threatened by the 30 men who, two days late, finished second-round play. Hoch, who scored his first victory in three years, was among the group that completed second round play Saturday. He compiled a 36-hole total of 136, eight shots under par on the twice-flooded Lakewood Country Club course.

Thirty players, however, were stranded on the course late Saturday by a torrential rainstorm that flooded the course. They were unable to complete play until Monday morning. Steve Melnyk, on the comeback from a broken elbow that threatened his career, was the best of the late finishers, shooting a round

Women's tennis revamped

NEW YORK, April 27 (AP) — A year-long worldwide circuit will unite the former winter and summer tours and a single firm will sponsor the entire season in a shakeup of women's professional tennis announced here Monday.

Representatives of the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) and Philip Morris, the giant tobacco firm whose line "Virginia Slims" will sponsor the circuit, explained the reorganization of women's tennis in a press conference Monday.

The former "Avon" Championship, a three-month-long controversial indoor winter tour, has been eliminated and replaced by a round-the-calendar circuit, split into two levels. Top flight players will compete in some 30 "Formula One" tournaments with prize money of at least \$150,000. These blue ribbon events will be organized on a variety of surfaces — grass, clay, cement, and synthetic — and will include Wimbledon and the French, U.S. and Australian Opens.

Another 30 "Formula Two" tournaments will be open to lesser players, with top point holders qualifying for the tougher league the following seasons. Prize money will be \$50,000 per event. The calendar for both divisions, to include tournaments in Canada, West Germany, England, Australia, France, and the United States, will be announced later.

"This will unite the main world events with a championship tournament to end the sea-

Finnish runner dies

Helsinki, April 27 (R) — Legendary Finnish distance runner Ville Ritola, who won a total of five gold medals at the 1924 Paris and 1928 Amsterdam Olympic Games, died here on Saturday. He was 86. Besides his Olympic golds, Ritola won three silver medals and set several world records.

ton's victory over Chicago in the first game of their doubleheader. Boggs led off the Red Sox eighth with a single, the first hit of his Major-League career, and was sacrificed to second by Jerry Remy before Rice hit an 0-1 pitch from Richard Dotson, 1-2.

Rice's second single of the game broke a 2-2 tie and handed the win to Luis Aponte, 2-0 who came on in relief of Bruce Hurst in the bottom of the seventh. Right-hander Chuck Rainey scattered five hits and Rick Miller keyed the Boston attack with three singles as the Red Sox beat the White Sox in the night game.

It was Rainey's first complete game of the season. Rainey struck out five and walked two, allowing no Chicago runner to reach second after Tony Bernazard made the base in the third inning.

Bill Madlock's two-run homer in the eighth inning broke a 4-4 tie and capped a three-run rally that lifted Pittsburgh over Atlanta. The Pirates had tied the game earlier in the inning when Dave Parker doubled and scored on Jason Thompson's single. Thompson was aboard when Madlock hit his first homer of the year, off reliever Larry McLelliams, 2-1. The victory went to Kent Tekulve, 2-0, who pitched the final three innings for the Pirates.

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ing straight right that had Weir on the seat of his pants. Weir looked anything but the "silver assassin" of the headlines, as Moore exposed all his limitations.

Bout with a difference

After successfully defending his title Moore had a totally different kind of encounter — with two thugs.

According to Bob Arum, co-promoter of the boxing tournament, Moore and his party were on their way back to their hotel early Tuesday morning when their vehicle was held up by the thugs near the stadium. A scuffle followed and Moore's manager-trainer, Leon Washington, injured his left knee.

"I had nothing to do with boxing," Arum said. "I don't think it was a personal attack on Moore. It is one of those things that happens in any city every day of the week."

The WBA champion, was not injured in the scuffle. But two car windows were smashed.

In rain-shortened New Orleans Open

Scott Hoch emerges tops

of par 72, lpr 2, 111, total 155 shots off the pace.

As soon as the round was completed Monday morning, the field was cut to the low 60 and all tied for 60th position, new pairings made and the field sent out for the third and final round of the tournament that lost two days to rain and floods. The delays prompted officials to cut the tournament to a 54-hole event and reduced the purse from an announced \$400,000 dollars to \$300,000.

Jack Nicklaus failed to qualify for third-round play. In a normal tournament, with the cut to the low 70, he would have made it on his score of 147. But with a smaller cut, necessitated by the need to get in both the finish of the second round and the complete third round, his score was one shot too high.

It was the third time in four starts that Nicklaus had missed. Australian Bob Shearer, who acquired his first American title last week in Tallahassee, held second going into the third round at 137, a single stroke back. He was followed by Tom Jenkins at 138. The group at 139 included Larry Ziegler, Gray Koch, Lon Hinkle and Jim Simons. Tom Watson, who has taken this title the last two seasons, was at 141. But he came back to tie for the second spot.

Women's tennis revamped

son," said Tom Keim, Philip Morris Director.

The championship, similar to the Masters tournament in men's tennis, will designate the world No. 1 for the following season, explained Jerry Diamond, executive director of the WTA. But, to earn the No. 1 ranking, a player must enter a minimum of 11 tournaments in addition to those on the "Grand Slam" circuit (French Open, Wimbledon, U.S. and Australian Opens), they said.

In men's Grand Prix Tennis, top ranked players must compete in a minimum of 10 events besides the Grand Slam tournaments to obtain automatic exemption from the qualifying rounds. The former women's winter circuit had been the object of complaints because of the high rate of player injuries and frequent pullouts.

Meanwhile, Sue Barker of Great Britain found her stride during a rain delay Monday night and came back for a 7-5, 6-0 victory over her doubles partner, Ann Kiyomura, in the first round of the \$200,000 United Airlines Tournament of Champions in Florida.

Barker won nine of her last 10 games after the delay. "The 40-minute delay helped a lot mentally," Barker said.

In the other night match, Italy's Sabina Simmonds handed West German Claudia Kohde a 6-1, 6-2 trouncing. Teenagers Laura Arrays and Lisa Bonder rallied for upsets in Monday's afternoon matches. Arrays, 18, a former Peruvian champion, won two tiebreakers to oust Betsy Nagel, 7-6, 5-7, 7-6. Bonder, an American amateur turned the tide midway through her match for a 3-6, 6-4, 6-0 victory over Argentina's Ivanna Madrigal-Osces. Claudia Monteiro of Brazil breezed past Renee Richards, 6-0, 6-2 in Richards' first tournament match since September. None of the seeded players had matches scheduled until Tuesday, when No. 4 Wendy Turnbull was to meet fellow Australian Chris O'Neill and No. 5 Pam Shriver was in play.

Another 30 "Formula Two" tournaments will be open to lesser players, with top point holders qualifying for the tougher league the following seasons. Prize money will be \$50,000 per event. The calendar for both divisions, to include tournaments in Canada, West Germany, England, Australia, France, and the United States, will be announced later.

"This will unite the main world events with a championship tournament to end the sea-

Finnish runner dies

Helsinki, April 27 (R) — Legendary Finnish distance runner Ville Ritola, who won a total of five gold medals at the 1924 Paris and 1928 Amsterdam Olympic Games, died here on Saturday. He was 86. Besides his Olympic golds, Ritola won three silver medals and set several world records.



UP THE DOWN STAIRS: Richard Powell together with his car is sent flying in the air, after crashing with Elvira Feky, as he slides backwards down the track at Eldora Speedway in the United States Auto Club Silver Championships Sunday. Neither of the drivers were injured.

Snatches Dallas crown

Lendl proves McEnroe's bogeyman

DALLAS, Texas, April 27 (AP) — Second-ranked Ivan Lendl defeated the top-ranked John McEnroe Monday night 6-2, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 in the World Championship of Tennis finals to win \$150,000.

It was the Czechoslovak's fourth consecutive win over McEnroe. But should he be No. 1? "His record is better than mine," said McEnroe, who was trying for a record three WCT finals titles. "There's an argument for him being No. 1. He's playing better than I am although I don't like to think one match is everything." Asked if he felt he was No. 1, Lendl said: "No answer."

Before the match, the 22-year-old who has now won \$900,000 on the WCT tour this season, said: "I would like to be No. 1 but I'm not going to say it...don't ask me if I win."

Asked how important the match was to him, Lendl said: "Everytime I beat him (McEnroe) it is important. This is my second biggest (victory)...The next is the French Open." Lendl, who has won 78 of his last 80 matches, handled the reigning champion superbly temper tantrums and all. He whistled 13 aces past McEnroe, who had a \$60,000 payday.

McEnroe battled gamely on a sprained ankle. He dove into some yellow carnations trying to save a point and generally pushed hard. But his first service was inconsistent, leading to some pouty antics on his part.

Once he refused to take the court after bickering about a linesman's call. Later he admitted: "Maybe it was a little petty." Lendl refused to be bothered by the gamesmanship. The Czechs displayed his steadiness particularly in the third game of the fourth set which went to deuce eight times on McEnroe's serve. Lendl broke service with a backhand winner and McEnroe never recovered.

Some of the 15,000 fans in Reunion Arena booted McEnroe in the first set, but warmed to him in the second when he broke Lendl's service for the first time in the second game. McEnroe, who had beaten Lendl in the 1980 U.S. Open, said: "Those cheers made me feel good. It does not happen every day. It should

have made me more pumped up. I'm just fed up with the way I'm playing...I'm tentative...I'm not near my best. Ivan is playing well. You can't take that away from him."

McEnroe, 23, beat Lendl the first two times they met. "Ivan is letting the results speak for themselves right now," said McEnroe. Lendl said: "I don't feel any pressure

under pressure."

Arias made no move to get back in the match until he was trailing 6-1, 5-1. He held serve in the seventh game, broke Pfister in the eighth, then fought off a pair of match points in the ninth before he folded.

In other matches Monday, Jimmy Brown beat N. Garner 6-0, 6-1, Erick Irsky beat Australian Cliff Lever 6-2, 6-1, and John Alexander eliminated fellow-Australian David Carter 6-4, 6-4.

In Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, Tom Wilkinson defeated Chris Johnstone in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2, Monday to advance into a field of 32 players in the \$100,000 World Championship of Tennis Shipyard Classic here.

Monday's action was delayed for four hours by the lingering effects of weekend rains, which washed out all but three scheduled first-day matches Sunday.

In other singles play Monday, South African Eddie Edwards overcame Marcus Hocevar 4-6, 6-2, 7-5, Brazil's Jose Soares topped Haroon Ismail 6-4, 7-6, 8-6, and Pat Dupre eliminated Richard Meyer 7-6, 11-9, 6-3. Third seed John Sadri advanced when Juan Avendano scratched his match.

Seventh-seeded Mats Wilander of Sweden defeated Mario Martinez of Bolivia, 6-7, 6-1, 6-3 in the opening round of the week-long \$200,000 Grand Prix of Madrid Tennis Tournament Monday.

"In other opening round matches, Anders Jarryd (Sweden) defeated Zoltan Kuharsky (Hungary) 7-6, 6-4; Pablo Arraya (Peru) beat Ricardo Ycaza, (Ecuador) 6-2, 6-3; Ivan Dupasquier (Switzerland) downed Ulli Pinner, (West Germany), 6-3, 6-4; Jose Lopez Maeso (Spain), got past Thierry Tulasne (France), 6-2, 2-1, the French player withdrawing after an injury in a leg. Cassio Motta (Brazil), defeated Ricardo Camino, (Argentina) 6-4, 6-3, and Jose Luis Camilant (Uruguay) prevailed over Eduardo Bengoechea, (Argentina), 7-6, 6-7, 8-6.

Prister had decided on an aggressive game before he took the court, figuring his wrist would hold up better if he avoided long baseline rallies. "Of course, a serve and volley game is the best way to play Arias anyhow," Prister said, "since he has great ground strokes and can chew you up if you stay back. It was absolutely essential that I keep him

As Adilio, Vitor miss bus to Spain

Batista receives the nod from Santana

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 27 (R) — Brazilian soccer manager Tele Santana Monday chose midfielder Falcao, who plays for Roma in Italy, as the 22nd last player in his World Cup squad.

A spokesman for the Brazilian Football Federation (CBF) announced Falcao's selection and said he still had to play some matches for Roma before traveling to Brazil to join the rest of the squad.

Earlier, the CBF named six other players drafted into the squad — Zico, Junior and Leandro of Flamengo, Paulo Isidoro and Batista of Gremio and Direceu, who has been playing for Atletico Madrid in Spain. Falcao's selection to complete the squad had been widely expected.

In the World Cup finals in Spain, Brazil play in Group Six with Scotland, the Soviet Union and New Zealand.

Tele Santana chose Batista of Gremio in preference to Adilio or Vitor of Flamengo when he filled the six of the remaining seven

places. Batista, a defensive midfielder who is a key element in Gremio's tight defense, was a regular member of Santana's early team before fracturing a leg just over a year ago.

Both Vitor and Adilio have played for Brazil since then and were in with a chance of selection.

Santana has summoned his squad in several stages after their clubs dropped out of the national championship. Flamengo beat Gremio Sunday in a playoff to end the tournament and free the last of the players engaged in domestic competition. The final place, as expected, went to midfielder Falcao. CBF president Geraldo Coutinho traveled to Brazil last week to persuade Roma club bosses to release him.

Direceu arrived back in Brazil this morning after Coutinho had arranged for his early release. Zico, Junior, Leandro and Isidoro were regarded as virtual certainties for selection. All seven players will now join the 15 already at the Toca Da Raposa training camp near

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Wednesday

- 4:00 Quran
- 4:30 Religious Talks
- 4:30 Children's Programs
- 5:00 Children's Series
- 6:00 Family
- 7:00 Daily Arabic Series
- 8:35 Arabic Magazine
- 9:30 Tomorrow's Programs
- 10:35 Daily Arabic Series
- 10:35 Syrian Musical Series

Close down

Bahrain

Wednesday

- 4:30 Children's Shows
- 4:52 Take Line Demolition
- 5:12 Walkie Talkie Catz or Not Catz
- 4:36 Love Organ The Moon Cafe
- 4:45 Monk and Minny Jeame Loves Monk
- 5:10 Democratic Invisible World
- 5:21 Max General Flipped at Daron
- 9:45 Watchman Playhouse Tangled Hearts
- 9:13 Electric Cowboys On The Run
- 4:57 Safety Seats, Belt Use Saves Lives
- 10:00 News

Bahrain Channel 4

Wednesday

- 4:00 Quran
- 4:05 Religious Talk
- 4:30 Children's Programs
- 5:00 Children's Series
- 6:00 Round-up
- 6:30 Bahrain Story
- 7:00 Lewis and Clark
- 7:30 Local News
- 7:45 Arabic Radio
- 8:35 Islamic Horoscope
- 9:35 Documentary
- 10:00 World News
- 10:30 The Galaxy

DUBAI Channel 33

Wednesday

- 6:00 Program Preview
- 6:05 Family Hour Festival
- 6:11 News
- 7:30 Double Life of Henry
- 7:55 The Brothers
- 9:30 Children's Programs
- 10:00 Elley Queen
- 11:00 News

Bahrain Channel 55

Wednesday

- 6:00 Quran
- 6:05 Religious Talk
- 6:30 Children's Programs
- 7:30 Local Drama
- 8:30 Comedy Series
- 9:30 News Summary
- 10:30 News

DUBAI Channel 10

Wednesday

- 4:00 Quran
- 4:15 Religious Talk
- 4:30 Cartoons
- 5:00 Children's Programs
- 6:30 Cartoon Series
- 6:45 Special Programs
- 7:30 Local News
- 7:45 Quran Explained

Radio Jeddah

Wednesday

- Americana Transmission TIME WEDNESDAY
- 2:00 Opening
- 2:10 Holy Quran
- 2:20 Quran Review
- 2:27 Geeks of Guidance
- 2:32 Light Music
- 2:35 On Islam
- 2:45 Chai & A Song
- 2:55 Light Music
- 3:00 The News
- 3:10 Press Review
- 3:15 Reflectors On Fasting
- 3:20 Don't Miss That
- 3:30 Light Music
- 3:45 Light Music
- 3:55 Light Music
- Evening Transmission TIME WEDNESDAY
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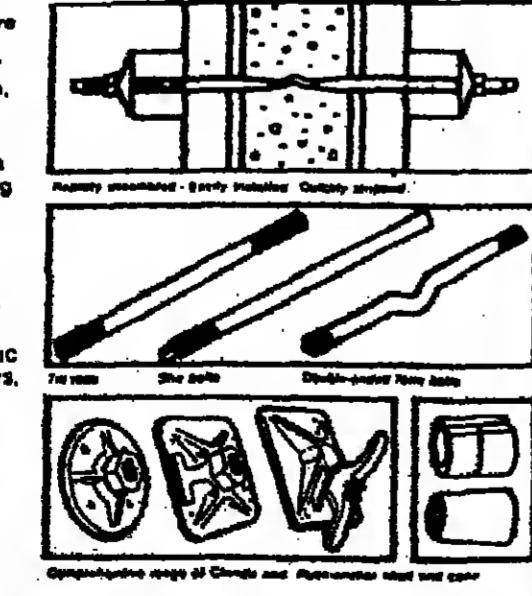
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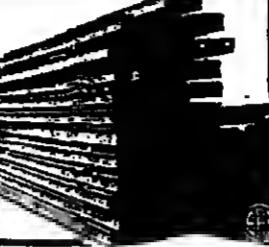
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Schmidt names 4 ministers

BONN, April 27 (Agencies) — Chancellor Helmut Schmidt Tuesday announced officially the four new ministers in his government, notably Manfred Lahmstein, who takes over the finance portfolio from Hans Matthaeus.

Schmidt made the announcement during a meeting of his Social Democratic Party parliamentary group. The four new ministers will be sworn in Thursday. New Finance Minister Lahmstein was formerly secretary of state at the chancellery. Matthaeus is appointed post minister.

New secretary of state at the chancellery is Hans-Joergen Wischnewski, who previously held the same post between 1976 and 1979. Heinrich Westphal, at present budgetary expert in the SPD parliamentary group, is appointed Labor minister, replacing Herbert Ehrenberg, who leaves the government.

New health and family affairs minister is Mrs. Anke Fuchs, former secretary of state at the Labor Ministry, who replaced Mrs. Antje Huber. Meanwhile, Klaus Boellering, at present West Germany's permanent representative in East Berlin, is appointed government spokesman, in place of Kurt Becker.

The change in the key finance post was forced on Schmidt by a request from Matthaeus, that he be given a less strenuous job because of heart trouble.

Schmidt, who presented his cabinet list to President Karl Carstens Monday night, obviously hopes that the appointments will help arrest the SPD's slide in recent elections.

Although none of these polls were at the national level, they had national issues as their main themes and appeared to reflect voter disenchantment with Bonn's methods of handling them. Schmidt's repeated troubles with left-wing critics within his own party were also believed to have played a part in the SPD's popularity slump.

Although party propagandists assert that the chancellor again enjoys the solid support of his party after the Munich conference, opinion polls say only a third of the electorate would support the SPD if national elections were held now.

The next election in West Germany, in June, is for the state legislature in Hamburg, traditionally an SPD stronghold and Schmidt's home base. But, inner-party squabbles in the state, mainly over nuclear energy, has made an SPD success questionable even there.

Failure to retain Hamburg and the loss of Hesse later this year could convince Schmidt's Free Democratic Party coalition partners in Bonn to seek a new alliance with the opposition Christian Democrats.

Curfew ordered in Indian cities

NEW DELHI, April 27 (AP) — Authorities ordered curfew in the Indian cities of Baroda and Amritsar on Tuesday following religious rioting.

An indefinite curfew was proclaimed in the violence-torn district of Baroda after one woman was reported killed by police gunfire during Muslim-Hindu rioting and arson. Violence flared Monday night in Baroda, 375 kms north of Bombay, but it was not immediately known what sparked it.

In Amritsar, the Main city of India's 13 million Sikhs, authorities imposed a 24-hour curfew after mounting tension threatened to spark widespread rioting between Hindus and Sikhs.

On Monday, Amritsar police fired tear gas to break up angry crowds after two bloody heads of cows were found hanging outside local Hindu temples. Amritsar is 400 kms northwest of New Delhi, in India's Punjab state. The Punjab government Monday rushed paramilitary units and armed police reinforcements to Amritsar.

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